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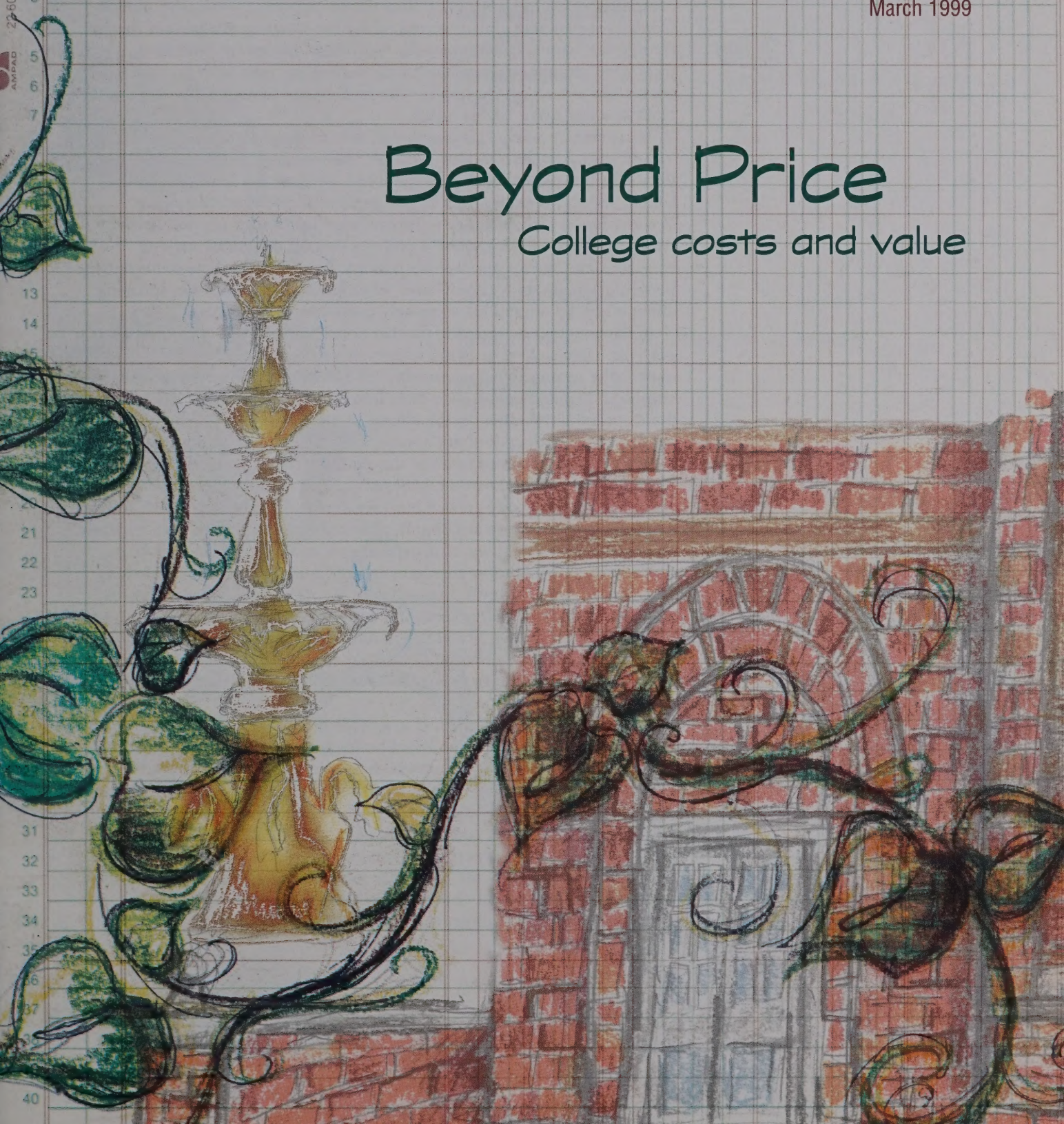

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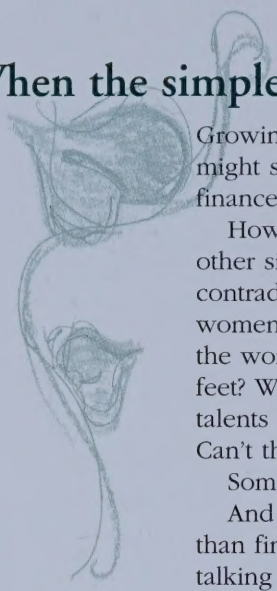

Growing out of a people often praised for their commitment to simplicity, it might seem that a Mennonite college would spend little time thinking about finances.

However, I'm told that Jesus talked more about money than about any other single subject – but some of his words on the topic sound contradictory on the surface. So how do we balance a Jesus who praises women for planning ahead, saving oil for the wedding celebration, against the woman who is commended for "spending" her oil by pouring it over his feet? What about Jesus simultaneously lauding the man who invested his 10 talents and chastising the farmer who built bigger barns to store his goods. Can't this guy make up his mind?

Sometimes, it seems, the simple life isn't so simple.

And so it goes with money. Though "stewardship" involves much more than finances, the s-word is still the word we most use in church when talking about our relationship to the green stuff. Webster's defines stewardship as an "individual's responsibility to manage life and property with proper regard for others." I prefer a simpler definition: making conscious choices for appropriate reasons. I believe it is the relationship between "conscious," "choice" and "appropriate" that Jesus was speaking about when he offered his seemingly paradoxical perspectives.

In Elkhart County, Ind., the median household income is around $40,000 per year. Like each of us living wherever we do, those making this amount must make responsible choices with the $40,000 to which they've been entrusted. People like GC Vice President for Finance James L. Histand carry the responsibility further. In the course of a fiscal year at GC, he and others are responsible for an amount approaching 500 times that figure.

While working on this issue of the *Bulletin*, I was reminded of how seriously Jim and others at the college take that responsibility. Just as you and I must make choices about our own finances – sometimes with difficulty – the number crunchers at GC and other colleges must make choices about money that affect the lives of many students and their families.

Many of us don't know the definition of "arbitrage"; others of us don't care. We do care, however, that colleges like GC carefully make choices about how much to charge in tuition and other fees and about how to spend the money they receive from alumni and other friends. On an individual level, paying for their children's college recently ranked second among concerns of parents, trailing only concerns about their children using alcohol and other drugs.

Our goal in this issue, then, is to demystify the ledger sheets of a college. No doubt you have questions about how schools do what they do with "your" money. You deserve answers. In our lead article, we've tried to provide responses to some of the most-frequently asked questions we hear. And for those parents looking ahead, we hope the worksheet on pages 10 and 11 will help you as you look ahead to your child's education.

Finally, talking about personal finances can sometimes be very difficult. Our thanks to four students who were gracious enough to share their own stewardship stories about choosing a college.

And oh, yes – don't forget to file your taxes by April 15.

Lyle Miller

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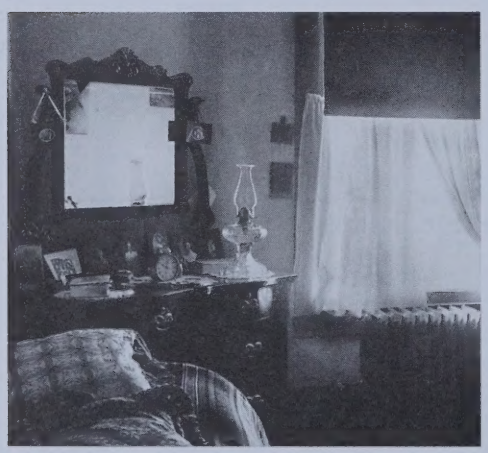
Beyond price:

College costs and value

When the Elkhart Institute moved southeast and opened as Goshen College in 1903, tuition for the school year was $15 per term if paid in advance. Rooms in the brand-new East Hall for women were available for the modest sum of 75 cents a week, which included heat and the laundering of up to 12 pieces of clothing every seven days. Men had no dorms, but furnished rooms were available for 50 cents a week, and heat was extra for men at an additional quarter a week. Board was $22 per term for everyone, bringing the total cost to $138 for three 12-week terms.



The cost of this dorm room in 1903 was 75 cents a week, including heat and the laundering of 12 pieces of clothing.

By 1998-99, tuition, room and board and a technology fee had grown to $16,310. Laundry access, by the way, was now unlimited, at $1 per load for the washer and 50 cents for the dryer.

The number crunchers among us will calculate the average annual percentage increase at 5.15 percent for the 95-year period. Others think of current costs and compare them to the cost of a car or house. But like the weather – where many see the outcome, but few think about where it comes from – not all of us understand the business aspects of how a college budget is developed and implemented. On the following pages, several GC experts take the opportunity to answer some commonly asked questions about the financial side of running a college. Here's a sample of what they have to say:

Why does college, particularly a private college, cost so much?

Understanding the relationship between "cost" and "price" is crucial in a discussion of college finances. "Cost," the amount of money needed to run all aspects of the college, is calculated by dividing the total operating budget in a given year by the number of students attending; the "cost" is nearly always larger than the posted "sticker price."

At nearly any college, all students receive a subsidy covering the difference between cost and price, which is largely generated by contributions from alumni and other friends as well as income from funds invested in the college's endowment. At GC, this subsidy totaled nearly $3,000 per student in 1997-98, more than 15 percent of the total operating budget.

Likely because of the quoted prices, many people assume the cost of a private college is more than at a public school, but they're generally about the same. The difference is that public schools typically also benefit from large state subsidies which can lower their price. For example, according to figures from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, the state of Indiana appropriated $7,438 per student for students at Indiana University's Bloomington campus during 1996-97. Without that subsidy, an IU student would have paid $15,505 for tuition, room and board that year, about $725 more than GC's sticker price of $14,780 in the same year.

"Publics" and "privates" do have some differences in their revenue and expense sources. Many schools, especially those with an emphasis on research, are able to generate large sums in grants from private and public sources. The tradeoff is higher salaries for some professors at state schools, particularly in certain fields. One way many, if not most, publics have countered this is through the use of lower-paid teaching assistants – typically graduate students – as instructors in lower-level and general education courses.

While students and families at all colleges still must face the realities of higher education expenses, students at private colleges are more likely to receive financial aid because of the higher price. In addition to federal and state assistance programs which may be available at both types of schools, for example, Indiana students attending a private school within the state may be eligible for

significant state grants not available to students attending public colleges. Other states have similar programs for students attending in-state private colleges, and a few states – notably Pennsylvania – allow the money to be taken across state lines. In addition, most private colleges have typically offered more institutional money in the form of grants for student aid than publics have. For example, according to *U.S. News & World Report*, only 41 percent of IU students were determined to have financial need in 1997-98. Only 23 percent of all IU undergraduates received need-based grants, with an average grant package of $3,347. At GC, 64 percent of students had financial need, and 58 percent received grants averaging $6,935.

Thus, the net difference between a public and private college is often much smaller than difference in sticker prices makes it appear. In addition, students at private colleges are 35 percent more likely to graduate within five years than their public school contemporaries. As a result, the short-term savings generated by attending a public school can be eaten up by a combination of additional years of tuition, tuition inflation in the additional years, part-time study in which financial aid eligibility is restricted and a delay in entering the workforce.

How are prices set at colleges?

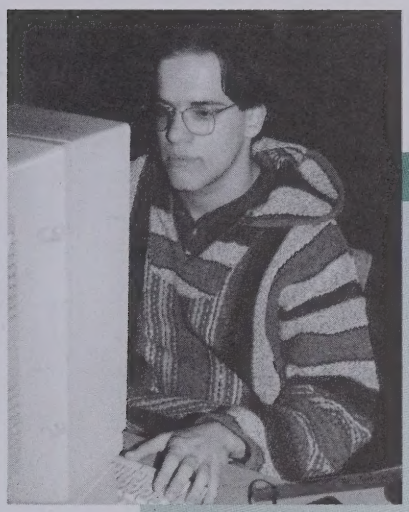
Colleges make pricing decisions in different ways: peer pricing through comparisons to other colleges; setting a price that will cover budget needs; pricing based on perceptions of quality; or some combination of these.

At GC the provost and vice presidents of enrollment and finance use a team approach, working to balance revenue projections based on enrollment estimates with overall program costs and institutional costs necessary at the expected volume of students.

The group also notes pricing patterns of other colleges similar to GC (Council of Mennonite Colleges, private colleges in Indiana, national liberal arts colleges, members of the Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities and others), and a decision is made to set a price that appropriately fits the competitive environment. This price must also support a level of quality to which the college is committed, so tuition, along with other income sources, must generate enough income to balance the necessary costs. New educational programs must have funding sources established before they are added to the overall college curriculum.

GC takes very seriously the goal of remaining more affordable than comparison colleges, while equaling or exceeding them in educational quality.

One of the particularly challenging parts of this equation involves financial aid. An increase or decrease in the sticker price will create a corresponding increase or decrease in the amount of financial need students have. Thus, a particular concern is not increasing the price to a point which also increases the aid budget exponentially.



Thomas Bona

Thomas Bona, a senior from the Bronx, knew that student loans would be a part of the menu when he decided a Mennonite college best matched his goals. The icing on the cake was receiving the best financial aid package from GC – his first choice. It was important that scholarships, grants, loans and work study cover completely the costs of a GC education; his mother, a single parent, contributes toward his daily living expenses. He will leave GC with around $25,000 in federal loans.

"I'd rather have debt and have the opportunity to do something I enjoy, with the skills and experiences to back it up," says Thomas. "I've appreciated the scholarships like the Kay Gorsline and Phil Smith Scholarships for communication, and grants from the Ministry Inquiry Program, that encourage you to further your knowledge *and* help you pay for college."

A communication and Bible and religion double major, Thomas also qualifies for academic achievement-based scholarships from GC, and a church matching grant provides several hundred dollars of assistance each year. He also has on-campus work-study jobs; served as a student leader for All-Campus Worship through campus ministries; and has on-air shifts at WGCS, the campus radio station.

"In terms of educational value, my world view is irrevocably changed because of coming to GC, through programs like SST and campus ministries, and in terms of classes, hands-on experience and the way faculty deal with students as individuals," says Thomas. "I am willing to take the risk of getting the best education, and trusting that God will provide in the future."

Following these steps, the provost and vice presidents of enrollment and finance make a recommendation to the president's council. After processing by this group, the GC board of overseers makes a final decision based on the recommendation from the president's council.

Do you compare GC's tuition with other schools when setting prices?

As described above, the college is certainly aware of tuition levels at similar schools, but the emphasis remains on the college going its own way based on the program needs which will best fulfill its mission. In addition, while GC does not directly pattern its tuition after other schools, it has intentionally aimed to be on the "value" side of its competitive colleges. That is, GC takes seriously the goal of remaining more affordable than comparison colleges while equaling or exceeding them in educational quality.

Overall tuition trends at GC have been lower in both absolute dollars and in percentage terms than most of the schools with which it most directly competes. In three years, for example, GC has moved from a sticker price that is 7 percent less than other Indiana private colleges to a sticker price that is 10 percent less, despite being one of only a handful classified as a National Liberal Arts College by the Carnegie Foundation. With a 3.5 percent increase slated for 1999-2000, that difference is likely to increase. Similar changes have occurred within other comparison groups.

Why has tuition increased faster than the Consumer Price Index?

It's true that tuition has increased at a rate faster than the Consumer Price Index, but to compare these rates side by side is not particularly helpful.

CPI measures inflation as experienced by urban consumers in their day-to-day living experiences, providing a way of measuring what a fixed basket of goods costs from month to month.

Colleges, on the other hand, have a very different "basket of goods." For example, food and energy prices have stayed very low the last few years, while things like technology costs, textbook costs, building and facilities costs have generally outpaced the CPI. For an enterprise like a college, whose largest single expense is salaries and benefits, the budget is affected dramatically by increases in providing health care to employees.

Should tuition prices matter when choosing a college?

Tuition should certainly be one factor. But just as cost is only one factor in buying a car or house, cost is only one component in a list of elements that includes personal, social and spiritual goals, major offerings and academic reputation, geography and any number of other items. Put another way, tuition and other fees are only one of the measurable and unmeasurable costs that must be weighed against the benefits of each college's fit for a particular student.

In addition, while most schools believe the primary responsibility for paying for college belongs to students and their families, financial aid exists to help minimize the difference cost should make in choosing a college. At GC, for example, about 90 percent of full-time students receive some sort of assistance, with an average package of scholarships, grants, work and loans totaling more than $13,000.

College financial aid and admissions counselors and high school guidance counselors are just a few sources with knowledge of available resources. On the other hand, while numerous individuals and businesses tout guarantees of providing a certain number of sources of information about financial aid, experts say most are scams, and the information they provide is typically readily accessible through other sources.

Where is tuition headed? Is college a good investment?

Gross tuition costs extrapolated into the future are often sensationalized; prices quoted run well into six figures, but the net cost of tuition (after aid) should be the figure that is used. At most schools, including GC, this figure is much lower than the sticker price and is increasing

more slowly. At GC in 1997-98, the average net price for students was $5674, an increase of 2.6 percent over the previous year.

To call college an "investment" is an accurate phrase; figures quoted often neglect to consider the benefits of a college education. Looking at the value of the output – not the input – is the way to truly value a college decision. If a college education is evaluated based on its cost only rather than on its "value" at the end of the experience, it is not being evaluated appropriately.

Society benefits from people with a college education.

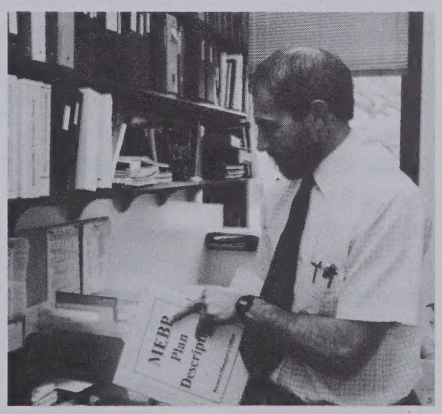
According to 1996 information from the U.S. Bureau of Census, a person with a bachelor's degree will make $648,000 more over the course of a lifetime than a person with a high school diploma. In addition, society benefits from people with a college education. College graduates are less likely to depend on government services, half as likely to be unemployed and more likely to vote and do volunteer work.

In addition, students at schools such as GC are able to take part in Study-Service Term and other life-changing events. Whether or not they go on SST, students are exposed to a larger world view than would likely be the case if they did not attend college. Opportunities in cocurricular activities help students develop leadership and other skills.

Last, and certainly not least in the case of schools like GC, is the role a college can play in shaping the future of a church denomination. A disproportionate number of Mennonite pastors and other church leaders have attended college, Mennonite colleges in particular.

How are expenditures set?

At GC, top level administration sets overall institutional priorities, and information on campus needs is gathered; these are molded into overall resource allocations informed by benchmark guidelines monitored on an ongoing basis. For example, about 36 percent of GC's operating budget goes to direct and indirect instructional expenses. Another 12 percent goes for student services such as residence life, athletics, student activities and career services; 14 percent goes to direct financial aid to students; and another 10 percent goes to support institutional administrative functions such as the accounting, financial aid, registrar, executive and admissions offices. About 9 percent goes to facilities maintenance and 7 percent for auxiliaries such as dining services and residence halls. Finally, about 5 percent goes for institutional advancement activities such as



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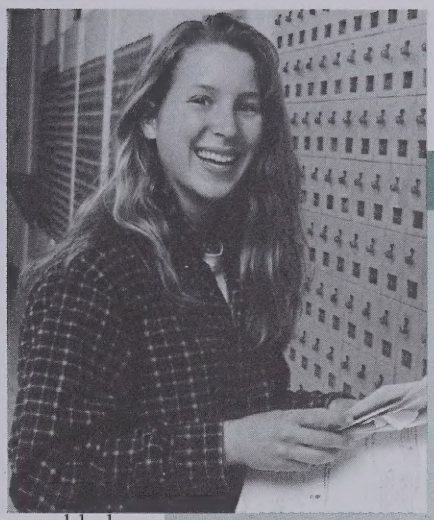


Laura Kanagy

Finances and atmosphere were high on junior Laura Kanagy's list when it came to choosing a college; GC came out on top when she added in the value of SST and her impressions of the campus and its people. Kanagy's financial aid includes a half-tuition President's Leadership Award (PLA) worth $5,950 this year, and a church matching grant that pays $1,400 a year with a $500 match from the college. Laura and her parents cover the rest, with Laura contributing around $3,000 from her personal savings each year. She also works on campus.

As a first-year student, the Leola, Pa., native received locally sponsored scholarships. She will be eligible for the PLA for four years, but has decided to take an extra semester for which she says she might need a student loan.

"Finances were a bigger part of my decisions about college right after high school, but coming here has taken my mind from looking at things like money in narrow ways, and helped me look at the big picture in term of what's best for me as a person. I can look at the extra semester and know it's money I don't have, but it's for the best in the long run," says Laura, whose own long-term plans include voluntary service.

A soccer player, Laura also participated in small groups through campus ministries and has served on the newspaper staff and Pinchpenny Press board. An education at GC extends beyond the classroom, she says. "You get a lot more than just a degree program – in my case, a major in English education with minors in peace studies and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages; the learning continues all the time."

development and public and constituency relations and 7 percent for other miscellaneous areas, including debt service. By far the biggest single line item across the college is in wages and benefits.

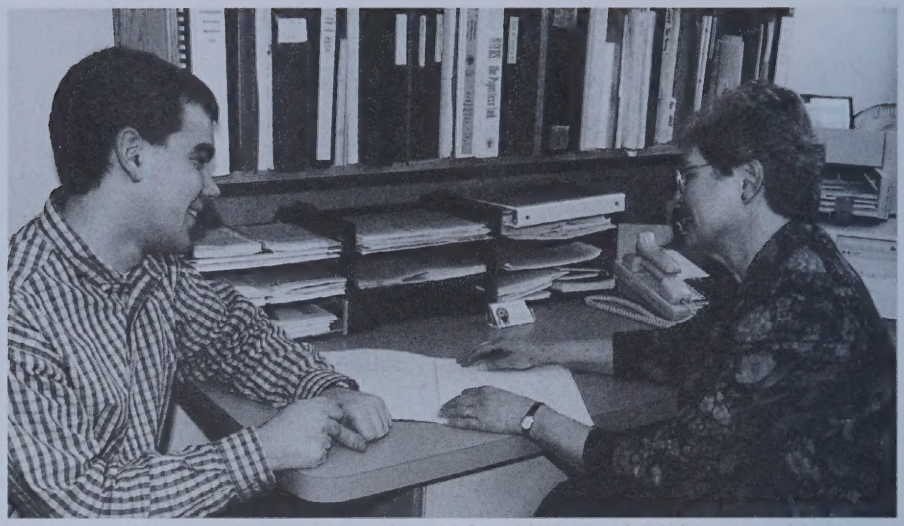
Couldn't colleges save money by being more like a business?

A college institution is actually a collage of many small, individual business-like entities. For example, revenues and expenses are tracked separately for our degree completion program; financial goals are set and monitored for that program. Teaching and administrative departments are accountable as individual budget entities. Some departments are responsible for both revenues and expenses, while others operate as cost centers responsible to stay within prescribed budgets.

Colleges are in a very competitive business, and like other businesses, must attract customers (students) to its product. Competition forces schools to constantly work at cost efficiencies while maintaining and improving quality.

Schools also negotiate contracts with outside vendors to supply us with services if the vendor can do so more efficiently than the college. GC has contracted for food, bookstore and security services and healthcare administration, to name a few. It also has hired expert consultants to help invest its endowment most effectively, and other consultants are obtained in different areas of organizational management.

In other areas, however, a college has fewer options than other types of businesses. Unlike some businesses, colleges can't move in search of a lower-paid workforce or lower utilities. Technology is also a difficult area for a college to control. Educational institutions are responsible to learn, use and teach using new technology, but this can be extremely expensive, especially with rapid advances in technology. Funding technology needs for instructional purposes is, and will continue to be, a major challenge for colleges. A year ago GC implemented a $250 technology fee to help fund technology use in its educational programs, but this fee pays for only a small portion of the college's total annual commitment to technology replacement and upgrades.



Associate director of student financial aid Carol Lehman (right) meets with a student to discuss financial aid needs.

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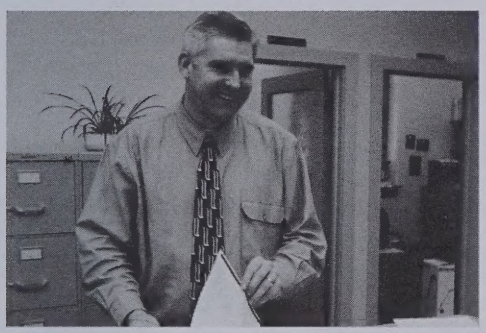
Colleges can balance a budget by either increasing revenues or cutting expenses. How have they done this?

Increasing revenues can happen in several ways. Aside from the obvious answer of trying to attract more students at higher net tuition levels, many colleges today also rely on very significant donations and endowment earnings. At GC, the income generated for our unrestricted operating budget from our endowment fund has grown from $1.56 million in 1994-95 to $2.21 million in 1997-98. This 42 percent increase over three years has helped to offset costs and keep tuition increases well under those at comparable colleges.

On the expense side, many colleges have learned to assess programs regularly and sometimes have to cut out programs that can no longer be supported financially. Decisions such as the number of hours the library is open help keep the 60 percent of GC's operating budget which is used for wages and benefits at a manageable level. GC has also developed "key performance indicators" which allow it to track effectiveness in achieving financial and educational objectives. Some examples include measurements such as class standing and GPA of incoming first-year students, cost per credit hour for the institution and for various disciplines, and cost of technology per student.

As a matter of stewardship, GC also works very hard at overall cost control. Like at most other private colleges, it has sometimes compensated for tight budgets by deferring costs into the future. Thus there can be significant deferred maintenance items as a result of directing resources away from

noncritical physical plant needs and towards educational program needs. The balancing act of spending enough resources to maintain a safe and effective learning atmosphere while not wasting money on non-critical areas is a challenging one which may mean that parking lots are not resurfaced as regularly as some would like or noncritical equipment is not replaced as soon as faculty or staff would like.



Galen Graber, Director of Financial Aid

An extreme example of significant cost control efforts is reflected in the comparative salary levels of GC faculty and staff. As a cost control measure in the past, salaries have been allowed to lag while resources were directed to maintaining program levels. To date, GC has been able to attract top quality, highly qualified teaching faculty despite salaries that are 10 to 20 percent below the average of other similar colleges. Similar patterns exist in many administrative positions. In response, and in an effort to maintain a competitive high quality faculty, last year GC established a goal of improving its faculty salaries to the average of a benchmark group of 51 other similar church-related colleges within five years. This will be a challenging cost item to include in GC's future budgets.

How does financial aid work?

The purpose of financial aid is to help make sure cost isn't the sole factor in determining whether a student can attend the college of his or her choice. While the primary responsibility of paying for college remains that of the family, financial aid is available to help.

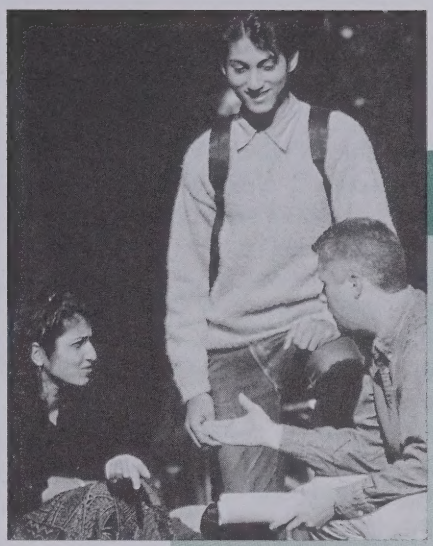
Eligibility for most types of financial aid, including state and federal grants and loans and some college programs, is determined by a process called "need analysis." Other types of aid, including academic and other scholarships, are available to all students, regardless of "financial need."

Need analysis determines the amount of money that a family can be expected to contribute toward college costs. This "expected family contribution," which should be the same at any college, is calculated using information about family size, income and assets provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

The expected family contribution is subtracted from the total cost of education (including an allowance for books, transportation and personal expenses) to determine the amount of assistance for which a student is eligible. Financial aid packages typically consist of a combination of "gift" aid (scholarships and grants) and "self-help" (loans and employment).

How can I find out more about financial aid?

The best sources for information are college financial aid and high school guidance offices and public libraries.



Gaurav Khandelwal

In his home country, Gaurav Khandelwal (center), of Calcutta, India, couldn't have majored in both science and business in college; several of his high school friends were headed to Goshen, so he applied as well. Of all the colleges on his list, GC's price tag was the most appealing.

International students face multiple challenges when enrolling in American colleges and universities. They must secure a visa based on financial guidelines, and face fluctuating global currency markets. There are also travel expenses but, perhaps most stressful is the pressure to succeed, Gaurav says. "Most international students are very focused because it's a never-ending race to reach the top."

Gaurav paid the $7,500 balance of this year's GC tuition himself, with a little help from a short-term loan. He wants to pay for college himself as much as possible. So far, he's been able to do that with a combination of GC's international student discount and grant; Honors and Viola Good scholarships; and by working on campus as a tutor, a residential assistant and an assistant in the library and computer lab.

His family, who is in the tea business could pay for his education. Gaurav says that he gets "a kick out of being independent."

Even with a double major in computer science and business information systems, he has gotten very involved here and enjoys the variety of campus. Gaurav, who is Hindi and speaks five languages, is vice president of GC's Student Senate and is a member of the International Students Club and the Business Club.

Many financial aid officers present workshops on financial aid, typically for the parents of juniors and seniors.

There is also a large number of "scholarship services" in operation. For a fee, these services will "guarantee" to find you a given number of financial aid sources. The vast majority of these are scams, and the information they provide is typically available from free sources. GC's Web site has a significant amount of information, links to federal tax and other forms and descriptions of both governmental and GC programs. The site is at www.goshen.edu/financialaid/gcfinaid.html.

Will saving money for college hurt my chances of receiving aid?

In a sense, maybe; but that's not the right question. It's true that the federal formulas assume that a certain percentage of money in savings will be used to pay for college. This may increase your "expected family contribution," and thus lower your financial need.

However, the better question to ask is "what is the most efficient way of paying for college?" In not saving, a person may receive more financial aid, but a significant portion of the additional aid will likely be in the form of student loans that must be repaid. In addition, the formulas include only 12 to 35 percent of nonretirement assets in the student's expected family contribution, depending on whose name the assets are in and the age of the parents.

The net effect, then, is that after combining the amount of savings left after four years and the decreased loan amounts, for every $100 of savings a family has, the student would likely leave college with the family somewhere from $65-$100 ahead of the family which didn't save. The vast majority of families would be money ahead after graduation by choosing to save for college.

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How does GC's church aid program work?

When a church or related organization commits by May 1 to providing funds for a full-time student's education, GC matches up to $500 per year ($1,000 to students from Indiana, thanks to a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.) in a matching grant.

During 1998-99, more than half of GC students benefited from funds contributed on their behalf by congregations, conferences and camps. GC provided nearly $250,000 of matching grants.

With its many variables, describing a college's finances can perhaps best be called a series of artistic decisions informed by scientific information. The combination of tuition, financial aid, net tuition revenue, endowment, discount rates, depreciation and arbitrage, requires a balancing act that sometimes requires the wisdom of Solomon and the patience of Job. At GC, the financial emphasis is on stewardship as the college continues its pursuit of providing affordable academic excellence in a Christian liberal arts context.

Jayne Fought Weigel

Jayne Fought Weigel started college the same day that her daughter started kindergarten. Now her daughter is in third grade, and Jayne is finishing her sociology/anthropology degree with a secondary education endorsement.

When the Topeka, Ind., resident graduated from high school in 1984, continuing her education "wasn't part of (my) world view." About a decade later, she became the first member of her family to attend college by enrolling at Indiana University-Purdue University (Fort Wayne, Ind.) The following summer, her mother urged her to check out GC for the shorter commute. "I hope I am setting a good example for my children," says Jayne, who also has a son in fifth grade.

Jayne talked to Director of Student Financial Aid Galen Graber and her aid package included Menno Simons and Keasey scholarships; GC and church matching grants; and loans. Registrar Stan Miller worked transferring her IPFW credits. "The people I came in contact with not only helped me see attending GC as a possibility, they made it happen," Jayne says.

Pursuing financial aid options tenaciously and keeping a close eye on personal finances to pay out-of-pocket expenses is worth the effort. She will also have $10,000 of student loan debt when she graduates this spring.

"It's worth it, and then some, because of the personal relationships with professors," says Jayne. "They treat students like people, not as just academic containers."

She has also appreciated GC's efforts in working to meet the needs of nontraditional and commuter students.

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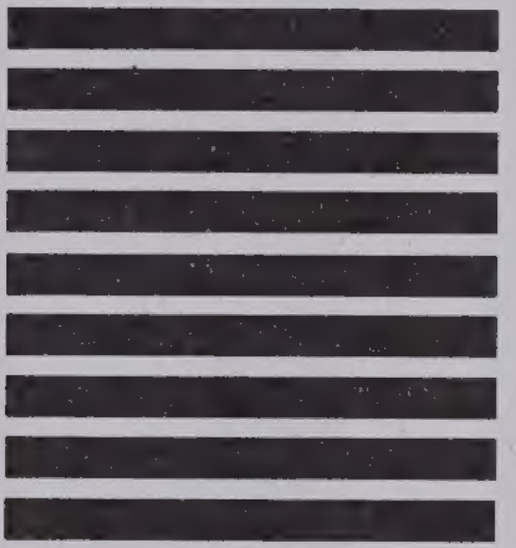

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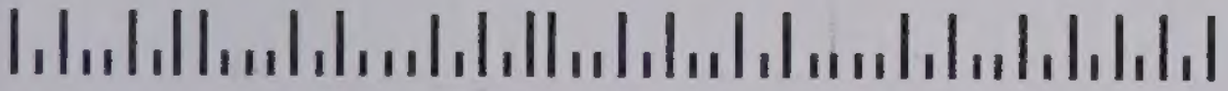


What is endowment?

Endowment is money donated by friends of the college for a restricted purpose or to fund future – as opposed to current – college expenses. These funds are invested, and only the income portion of the investment is used to offset expenses for designated purposes.

Why do colleges need an endowment?

Without an endowment, a college must pass a larger portion of its costs on to students in the form of tuition and fee increases. Endowment funds also help support many special programs that otherwise would not be financially feasible. Finally, endowments help finance the operating costs of new buildings so these expenses do not burden the operating fund.

How does endowment work?

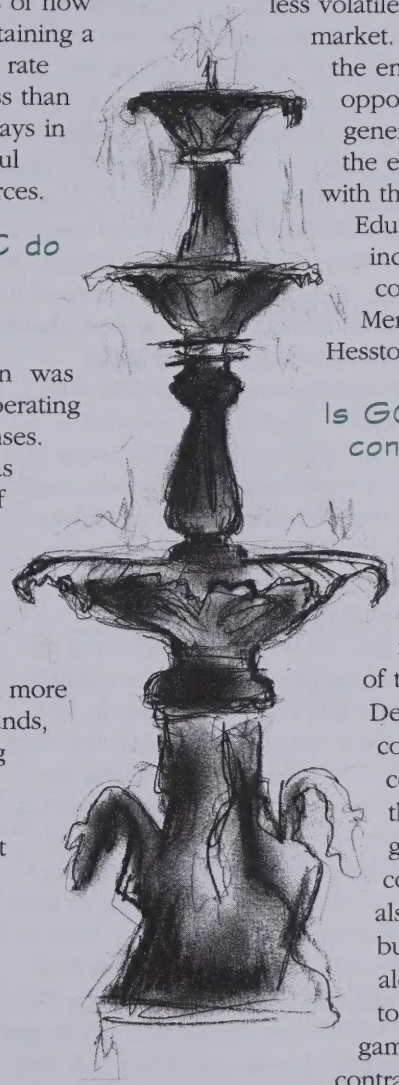
GC invests its endowment money in a diversified portfolio designed to generate a long-term average rate of return of approximately 10 percent. The college spends 5 percent on current educational program expenses and returns the other 5 percent to the endowment fund to offset any loss of purchasing power due to inflation. Over time this means the endowment should gradually grow from its own reinvestment in addition to new gifts. In those years the endowment earns more than the expected 10 percent, the endowment grows more rapidly. The converse is also a possibility, but in the long run, the endowment should continue to provide a permanent and growing source of funds to help offset college expenses.

In the last several years, the stock market has done very well. Is GC doing something wrong to only take in 5 percent?

We have earned more than 16 percent in each of the last three years, but for budgeting purposes it is helpful to take out a consistent amount each year; taking 5 percent is actually GC's *spending* policy – how much it takes out of the endowment each year regardless of how much it earns. Maintaining a constant withdrawal rate and withdrawing less than is earned are two ways in which GC is a faithful steward of its resources.

What does GC do with its endowment income?

Last year $2.2 million was distributed to the operating fund to offset expenses. After tuition, this was our largest source of revenue for the unrestricted operating fund. Another very significant portion, about $16 million in more than 100 separate funds, goes toward funding special scholarships. Other restricted activities also benefit from endowment funds.



How much is needed to establish an endowed scholarship?

The establishment and maintenance of each endowed scholarship involves a set of expenses. While donors can give any amount toward an existing endowed scholarship, $50,000 is needed to establish a new named scholarship. This amount would generate $2,500 in scholarship funds for students, which may be divided among more than one student.

How does GC invest its endowment?

GC's endowment is invested in a widely diversified, professionally managed portfolio of stocks, bonds, real estate and cash designed to be less volatile than the overall stock market. The long-term goal of the endowment is growth, as opposed to current income generation. The majority of the endowment is invested with the Mennonite Board of Education in a pool that includes our sister colleges Eastern Mennonite University and Hesston College.

Is GC "socially conscious" in investing its endowment?

GC uses an ethical investment policy to avoid investments in the most recent list of the Department of Defense's 50 largest contractors or any company with more than 5 percent of its gross sales in defense contracts. The policy also avoids investing in businesses involved with alcoholic beverages, tobacco and the gambling industry. On the contrary, GC gives priority to companies which provide products or services that promote a better quality of life, such as in health care, housing, food and education. The college uses its proxy votes in a way that is consistent with Anabaptist principles.

How much will we need?

How much will we need to save for our children's college? It's a question many people ask, and the answer in magazines and from financial planners is typically one of the following: 1) gazillions; or 2) more than you already are.

But many of these articles and advisors play on fear in an effort to please advertisers or sell investments. They use worst case scenarios of current "sticker" prices and percentage increases and few allowances for financial aid, despite the fact that the majority of students at most colleges qualify for some form of financial aid. At GC, for example, only about 1 in 10 students pays the quoted price, and some students receive more than $18,000 in total financial aid.

The truth, however, is that most families would benefit by increasing the amount they save for future expenses. So just how much will it take, and how much do you need to save? Predicting is indeed an inexact science at best, thanks to the number of variables involved. Discussing the particulars of your situation with someone familiar with your personal finances will be helpful. Like in other financial planning scenarios, experts would encourage you to err on the side of being conservative – if there is money left over after children complete college, you can always add it to your retirement planning or other investments.

Though it is not a substitute for financial and other counseling, the worksheet at right can also help.

The figures penciled into the worksheet and using the shaded figures in the chart outline a scenario for a family with a child in fourth grade this year (third grade in 1997-98). (If you've got more than one child, complete the chart separately for each child.) The parents are assuming the child will attend GC, that expenses will increase 4 percent per year and that a current financial aid package would include $7,000 in gift aid (43 percent of the sticker price). The couple has already saved $3,000 and assumes an after-tax return of 7 percent on their investments. They want to know how much they should save each month – with a goal of covering three-fourths of the child's expenses. This family will need to save $238.82 per month to reach its goal.

(While the above example assumes the family will stop saving when the child starts college, it does not take into account the continued compounding that occurs while the child is in college. In this scenario, the portion needed for the student's senior year would have three additional years to compound. For families seeking more precision, the worksheet can be completed for each individual year. If completed this way, this family would need to save only $191.98 each month.)

1. What will be the "sticker" price of the college your child will attend? Estimating this is a function of three variables:

a. The college's current price. Colleges vary considerably in their current prices, from a few thousand for community colleges to more than $25,000 at some private colleges. From the "How colleges compare" chart below, select a price, based on 1997-98 figures and write it in the blank labeled **1a**.

b. Average tuition increase. From the same chart, select the average percentage increase in which you anticipate expenses will grow by. Write this amount in **1b**.

How colleges compare

Type of school	Price	Increase
Public school (in-state)	$7,773	4.1%
Public school (out of state)	$9,758	4.4%
Goshen College	$16,310	3.7%
Council of Mennonite Colleges	$16,875	5.3%
Private colleges in Indiana	$19,026	4.6%
Private colleges nationwide	$20,273	4.3%
"National" liberal arts colleges	$23,324	4.1%

Price based on 1998-99 information from the Nation Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and from *U.S. News & World Report.* Increase uses the most recent figure available, using the same sources.

c. Year entering college. Determine the year in which your child will begin college. It may be helpful to write down the school years from 1997-98 and corresponding grade level of the student each year. The numbers in purple in the "grade of child" column reflect the example family.

d. Tuition growth factor. Using the information in **1b** and **1c** and the "Compounding" chart below, calculate a "growth factor" for each year of tuition. Add the "growth factors." The example family's factors are in purple type.

e. Total sticker price. Multiply the figure in **1a** times the total in **1d.** This is the total sticker price for the four years of school.

Compounding

Year	Grade of child	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%
1997-98	3	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
1998-99	4	1.030	1.040	1.050	1.060	1.070	1.080	1.090	1.100
1999-00	5	1.061	1.082	1.103	1.124	1.145	1.166	1.188	1.210
2000-01	6	1.093	1.125	1.158	1.191	1.225	1.260	1.295	1.331
2001-02	7	1.126	1.170	1.216	1.262	1.311	1.360	1.412	1.464
2002-03	8	1.159	1.217	1.276	1.338	1.403	1.469	1.539	1.611
2003-04	9	1.194	1.265	1.340	1.419	1.501	1.587	1.677	1.772
2004-05	10	1.230	1.316	1.407	1.504	1.606	1.714	1.828	1.949
2005-06	11	1.267	1.369	1.477	1.594	1.718	1.851	1.993	2.144
2006-07	12	1.305	1.423	1.551	1.689	1.838	1.999	2.172	2.358
2007-08	Fr	1.344	1.480	1.629	1.791	1.967	2.159	2.367	2.594
2008-09	So	1.384	1.539	1.710	1.898	2.105	2.332	2.580	2.853
2009-10	Jr	1.426	1.601	1.796	2.012	2.252	2.518	2.813	3.138
2010-11	Sr	1.469	1.665	1.886	2.133	2.410	2.720	3.066	3.452
2011-12		1.513	1.732	1.980	2.261	2.579	2.937	3.342	3.797
2012-13		1.558	1.801	2.079	2.397	2.759	3.172	3.642	4.177
2013-14		1.605	1.873	2.183	2.540	2.952	3.426	3.970	4.595
2014-15		1.653	1.948	2.292	2.693	3.159	3.700	4.328	5.054
2015-16		1.702	2.026	2.407	2.854	3.380	3.996	4.717	5.560
2016-17		1.754	2.107	2.527	3.026	3.617	4.316	5.142	6.116
2017-18		1.806	2.191	2.653	3.207	3.870	4.661	5.604	6.727
2018-19		1.860	2.279	2.786	3.400	4.141	5.034	6.109	7.400
2019-20		1.916	2.370	2.925	3.604	4.430	5.437	6.659	8.140
2020-21		1.974	2.465	3.072	3.820	4.741	5.871	7.258	8.954
2021-22		2.033	2.563	3.225	4.049	5.072	6.341	7.911	9.850

2. How much financial aid might my child receive?

a. Current financial aid. The "Financial aid at GC" chart below provides information on financial aid packages during the 1997-98 year, based on different family income levels. (Similar information from other colleges is not available, but would likely be somewhat lower based on information which is available regarding total financial aid packages.) Based on the list, select the percentage of expenses you expect to be covered by financial aid and write it in the blank labeled **2a.** (Recognize that because of differences in family circumstances, individual financial aid packages vary more than sticker prices.)

b. Family share. Subtract the percentage in **1a** from 100 percent to determine the percentage you would be expected to cover.

Financial aid at GC

Family Income	Average Gift Aid	Pct. of Price
$0-14,999	$10,791	69.8
$15,000-24,999	$9,592	62.1
$25,000-34,999	$9,352	60.5
$35,000-44,999	$7,814	50.6
$45,000-54,999	$6,739	43.6
$55,000-64,999	$5,610	36.3
$65,000-74,999	$5,232	33.9
$75,000 or more	$4,551	29.5

3. What's the net?

Multiply the percentage (in decimal form) in **2b** times the total in **1e** to calculate the total of your portion.

4. Select a goal.

Based on your result in **Step 3**, choose a figure as a goal for your savings. It may be the figure you calculated in **Step 3**, but this number can be reduced if you or your student chooses to take out one or more loans. In addition, many parents expect a student to contribute toward his or her education through additional savings or income.

5. How will we get there?

Reaching the goal in **Step 4** is a function of two parts, how much you've already saved and how much you plan to save in the future.

Current savings.

a. Write the amount of current savings for college in **5a**.

b. Using your best guess of an after-tax investment return and the number of years until your child enters college, calculate the "Growth Factor" your current savings might experience. (Subtract one year to allow for the fact that this chart begins in 1997-98.) Write this number in **5b**. The example family is in purple.

c. Multiply **5a** times **5b**. This is the amount your current savings will grow to.

d. Subtract **5c** from your answer in **4**. This is the amount of money you will need to generate from future savings.

Future savings.

e. The "Investment Growth of $1" chart shows how much $1 invested each month would grow over a number of years (compounded monthly). Using the number of years left until the money is needed and the return used in **5b**, calculate the amount each $1 would grow to and write this in **5e**. The example family's figure is in purple.

f. Divide the number in **5d** by **5e**. This is the amount you would need to save each month using the above assumptions.

Investment growth of $1

The following chart calculates the accumulated effect of investing $1 per month over a given number of years (using monthly compounding):

Yrs.	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%
1	$12.20	$12.26	$12.33	$12.40	$12.46	$12.53	$12.60	$12.67
2	$24.76	$25.03	$25.29	$25.56	$25.83	$26.11	$26.38	$26.67
3	$37.71	$38.31	$38.91	$39.53	$40.16	$40.81	$41.46	$42.13
4	$51.06	$52.13	$53.24	$54.37	$55.53	$56.73	$57.95	$59.21
5	$64.81	$66.52	$68.29	$70.12	$72.01	$73.97	$75.99	$78.08
6	$78.98	$81.49	$84.11	$86.84	$89.68	$92.64	$95.72	$98.93
7	$93.58	$97.08	$100.75	$104.59	$108.63	$112.86	$117.30	$121.96
8	$108.62	$113.29	$118.23	$123.44	$128.95	$134.76	$140.91	$147.40
9	$124.12	$130.17	$136.61	$143.45	$150.73	$158.48	$166.72	$175.50
10	$140.09	$147.74	$155.93	$164.70	$174.09	$184.17	$194.97	$206.55
11	$156.55	$166.02	$176.24	$187.25	$199.14	$211.98	$225.86	$240.85
12	$173.51	$185.05	$197.58	$211.20	$226.01	$242.11	$259.64	$278.74
13	$190.98	$204.85	$220.02	$236.62	$254.81	$274.74	$296.60	$320.60
14	$208.99	$225.46	$243.61	$263.62	$285.69	$310.08	$337.03	$366.84
15	$227.54	$246.91	$268.40	$292.27	$318.81	$348.35	$381.24	$417.92
16	$246.66	$269.23	$294.46	$322.70	$354.32	$389.79	$429.61	$474.36
17	$266.36	$292.47	$321.86	$355.00	$392.40	$434.68	$482.51	$536.70
18	$286.66	$316.64	$350.66	$389.29	$433.23	$483.29	$540.37	$605.57

Worksheet

		Child 1 Example		Child 2
1. a.		$15,450		
b.		4%		
c.		2007-08		
d.		1.480		
		1.539		
		1.601		
		1.665		
Total		6.285	Total	
e.		$97,103		
2. a.		43%		
b.		57%		
3.		$55,349		
4.		$41,512		
5. a.		$3,000		
b.		1.838		
c.		$5,514		
d.		$35,998		
e.		$150.73		
f.		$238.82		

Ask the director...

I took time off during college, so I graduated a year after many of my friends. I'd rather come to reunions with the class I entered Goshen with. May I do that?

Yes. While the date on your transcript won't change, we do allow alumni to choose a "preferred" graduation year for purposes of alumni reunions and other activities. In addition to students who've taken time off during college, many people who were in school an extra semester or year have chosen to change their preferred year. If you'd like to do so, please contact us.

— Susan Edwards

1920-29

Deaths

Nona Miller Kauffman '25, Goshen, Nov. 16.

Edna Cook Summers '28, Goshen, July 5.

Albertine Yoder Wysong '26, Bloomington, Ind., Oct. 16.

Note

Nora Eschliman '23, Orrville, Ohio, celebrated her 100th birthday Dec. 1 at Brennfield Nursing Home in Orrville, Ohio.

1930-39

Deaths

Edna Oyer Bachman '33, Goshen, Oct. 13.

Estelle M. Litwiller '30, Alva, Fla., Feb. '98.

Leah C. Risser '31, Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 9.

Henry Sears '39, Lakeville, Ind., Oct. 14.

Margaret Carlson Sommer, wife of **David A. Sommer '37**, 555 E. Memory Lane, Apt. D209, Santa Ana, CA 92706-1707, Sept. 2.

Dale W. Swart '36, Sun City Center, Fla., Nov. 8.

Louella Miller Thut '33, Orrville, Ohio, Nov. 29. Louella taught school for several years and with Harold Thut raised four children and a foster son on a dairy farm.

Notes

Ivan W. '35 and **Ann Jennings Brunk '36**, Sarasota, Fla., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Two sons and their spouses, **Stanley '61** and **Louanne Schertz '63** and **Robert '63** and **Jan Eicher '63**, and a granddaughter **Kristine '94** and spouse **John Frederick '95**, are also GC graduates. Since Ivan's father, Joseph E. Brunk graduated from the Academy in 1915, this makes four generations in the GC alumni family.

John Duerksen '37 resides in Hesston, Kan.

Orie J. '31 and **Agnes Weaver Eigsti '32**, Green Valley, Ariz., retired Oct. 27.

Lester T. Hershey '36, Fort Ashby, W.Va., writes that he is almost finished with *Horse Tales*, stories of horseback riding in Puerto Rico in the early days of his mission work on the island. He is gathering materials for an autobiographical collection of stories from Argentina, Puerto Rico and Spain.

Jonathan J. and Kathryn Couturier **Miller '36**, Clearwater, Fla., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and their daughter's 50th birthday with a European cruise.

Willard G. Richer '36, Archbold, Ohio, is a member of Gideons International and North Clinton Mennonite Church. He enjoys collecting wood and metal puzzles.

Paul T. and Grace Martin **Slabaugh '31**, Sarasota, Fla., celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Dec. 28.

Charles M. '44 and **Evangeline Weaver Stouder '36**, Elkhart, Ind., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house Nov. 16, 1997.

1940-49

Deaths

Olive Troyer Bontrager '41, Goshen, Nov. 12.

Martha E. Eimen '44, Iowa City, Iowa, July 13.

John R. Kennel '49, husband of Esther Zeiset Kennel, 149 N. Hoover Avenue, New Holland, PA 17557-1114, July 16.

Delmar Nafziger '40, husband of Willa Garber Nafziger, 105 South Highway, Apt. 8, Jackson, MN 56143-1829, June 30, 1997.

Bessie Wyse Nofziger '43, Archbold, Ohio, Nov. 9.

Lorne W. Schmitt '43, husband of **Ruth Duerksen Schmitt '39**, 515 Langs Drive, Apt. 816, Cambridge, ON N3H 5E4, Oct. 4.

Elizabeth A. Showalter '45, Harrisonburg, Va., Sept. 2.

Dennis Summer '41, Elsie, Mich., Sept. 9.

Ray M. Zercher '49, husband of Ruth Niesley Zercher, 513 Cherry Circle, P.O. Box 2015, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-2015, Nov. 19.

Notes

John W. '44 and **F. Elaine Amstutz Boyer '65** are living at Glendale (Ariz.) Retirement Community.

Eugene and **Ruth Inbody Bullis '41**, Valparaiso, Ind., celebrated their 50th anniversary in December 1997.

J. Lester Eshleman '45, Lititz, Pa., was featured in the *Lancaster Intelligencer Journal* for his work in East Africa, where he helped develop the Institute of Urology at Kilimanjaro Christian Medical College. He is currently co-authoring a urology textbook.

Lester '41 and **Doris Miller Glick '46**, North Port, Fla., lead yearly marriage enrichment weekends and do private counseling for local couples who cannot afford standard fees. Lester is a board member for a local mental health center and both teach candle-making classes at the center. Lester is on the advisory board for the GC Sarasota Extension and both are teaching courses there. Lester spent three months in the spring of 1998 directing the Mennonite Disaster Service program in Sanford, Fla., following the tornado that devastated that community.

Ray E. and Ruth Brunk **Horst '49**, Elkhart, Ind., continue involvement with United Native Ministries, traveling frequently to Alabama, Mississippi, Arizona, New Mexico, Louisiana, South Dakota and Ontario.

Martha Ann Kanagy '49, Kidron, Ohio, spent nine weeks in Madrid, Spain, doing volunteer work with OMS, a mission organization.

Melva G. Kauffman '44, Hesston, Kan., writes that she enjoys life in Schowalter Villa.

J. Clair Kauffman '48, Goshen, teaches Sunday school at West Goshen Church of the Brethren and is a member of Gideons International.

Sanford O. and Clara Schwartz **Kilmer '44**, Goshen, celebrated their 50th anniversary with an open house Oct. 25 at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church. They were married Oct. 24, 1948.

Etril J. and Wilma Pletcher **Leinbach '47**, Goshen, were recognized July 12 with a plaque for their 50 years of pastoral ministry in Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference.

John L. Maxwell '47, Howard, Ohio, spent a week in October in Scotland visiting the place where his family originated in 1290.

Audrey Harrington Michels '40, Martinsville, Ind., writes she enjoys hearing from and about former classmates. She teaches a physical fitness class at the YMCA three times a week.

Elaine Sommers Rich '47, Bluffton, Ohio, was part of a Christian Peacemaker Team delegation to the West Bank, Israel, in August.

Herman E. '51 and **Gladys Leidig Ropp '49**, Harrisonburg, Va., work as volunteer chaplains at Rockingham Memorial Hospital, Harrisonburg.

Leo and **Thelma Huston Thomas '41**, McCaysville, Ga., celebrated their 56th anniversary Aug. 6.

Kenneth R. Walker '49, Russellville, Ark., retired after 40 years at Arkansas Tech University.

Elsie Birkey Yoder '41, Adair, Okla., writes that she has been retired from teaching for a number of years but still finds herself very busy.

1950-59

Deaths

Lois Mann Eberly '54, wife of Earl Eberly, 7211 Baylor Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46819, Feb. 1, 1997.

Eli L. Gingerich '50, husband of Rosalee Schrock Gingerich, 20382 County Road 36, Goshen, IN 46526, Nov. 20.

W. Edward Nellist '57, husband of Beth Carlisle Nellist, 5357 Roxbury Road, Indianapolis, IN 46226-1575, Aug. 7.

Gema Ramnauth Schilling '58, wife of Jean-Paul Schilling, c/o C. Wendy Schilling, 19 Oak Terrace, Apt. 19D, Somerville, PA 08876-1591, March 6, 1998.

Lauren J. Shank '54, husband of **Dorothy Smith Shank '32**, 1541 Redbud Court, Goshen, IN 46526-5105, Nov. 8.

Carolyn Slaubaugh Yoder '56, wife of Lester Yoder, 3165 32th St., Wellman, IA 52356-8519, July 31.

Marriage

Bernita Kauffman '56 and Elvin T. Wade, both of Houston, Mo., July 11.

Susie Borntrager Nisley '58, Gladys, Va., and Amos Schrock, originally from Ligonier, Ind., Aug. 29.

Notes

Alfred J. Albrecht '50, Goshen, was featured in *The Elkhart Truth* as one of the founders of the Pennsylvania Deitsch Society of Northern Indiana. The article was carried on the state wire service and picked up by newspapers as far away as Muncie. Al also writes a column called "Deitsch Eck" for the *Wakarusa Tribune.*

Palmer J. Becker '58 became director of the pastoral ministries program at Hesston (Kan.) College Dec. 1.

Dorothy L. Bender '56, Milford, Neb., has been a volunteer with the Service Opportunities for Older People program the last several winters at Lakewood Retreat Center, Brooksville, Fla.; Academia Menonita Betania School, Aibonito, Puerto Rico; Ten Thousand Villages, Akron, Pa.; and Mennonite ministry in Eldorado, Ark.

Verna Birkey '52, Kent, Wash., had her 14th book, *Women Connecting with Women, Equipping Women for Friend-to-Friend Support and Mentoring* published by WinePress in May. Verna directed enriched living seminars and taught throughout the United States and in many foreign countries since 1969. Her passion is to help Christian women experience growth and become safe, wise and caring friends, mentors and encouragers.

John W. '52 and **Rebecca Troyer Bixler '51**, Iowa City, Iowa, write they continue to lead a busy retirement life with music activities, travel and their piano and pipe organ service.

Arthur Blosser '50, Columbiana, Ohio, retired as treasurer of Fairport Harbor Schools, January 1998, after 30 years as treasurer in various Ohio schools. Prior to that he was in private accounting for 20 years.

Robert L. and **Goldie Severn Boese '53** moved to Freeman, S.D., with their youngest daughter in 1987. Goldie substitute teaches, maintains a bed and breakfast, is a Watkins dealer and is active in her local church and Christian Women's Club.

Irma Ebersole Bowman '50, Akron, Pa., writes that after teaching 31 years, retirement is offering the option of new hobbies, volunteer work, travel and computer work.

Robert E. Collins '54, Falls Church, Va., was elected to the board of directors of the National Easter Seal Society and is a member of the board of directors of the National Rehabilitation Hospital, Washington, D.C.

Elsie Cressman '53, Kitchener, Ontario, retired Sept. 30 after 18 years as a community midwife. During her career, she delivered close to 1,000 babies in Ontario alone and challenged the medical establishment to accept home births as normal.

Lois A. Deter '58, Sterling, Ill., retired June 3, after 40 years of teaching second and third grades. She writes she is enjoying a relaxed schedule and visiting family.

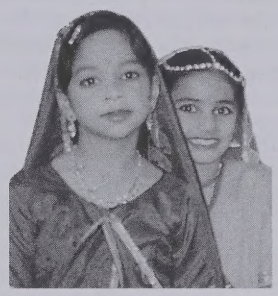
Lowell C. Detweiler '58, Akron, Pa., completed 12 years as director of Mennonite Disaster Service. He remains on special assignment gathering stories and writing a book to commemorate the 50th anniversary of MDS in the year 2000.

Marvin and **Trudy Gassmann Dress '51**, Cleveland, Ohio, spent two weeks in France retracing Trudy's roots and visiting her granddaughter.

SST 30th Anniversary Finale

May 1-2, 1999

Come to campus for the finale to the year-long observance of the 30th anniversary of Study-Service Term.



Saturday, May 1

10 a.m.-3 p.m. **Ethnic Fair**
International café, traditional performances, game tent, 25 country exhibits, children's activities, international bazaar. Fun for the whole family.

3-5 p.m. **SST reunions***
Reunions for all 15 SST countries at various locations with former leaders hosting.

3-5 p.m. **Kids' activities**
The GC admissions office will host children's activities during SST reunions.

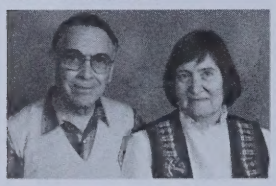
8 p.m. **Sweet Honey in the Rock concert**
Order tickets early for this nationally acclaimed vocal group, with sounds rooted in the tradition of African-American choral styles. Adults: $25; students: $20. Call (219) 535-7566, e-mail: joannp@goshen.edu. Orders received by April 10 will be mailed.

Sunday, May 2

9:30 a.m. **International worship service at College Mennonite Church**
Join College Mennonite Church's worship service with Wayne Mark Thomas, a seminary student from India.

*A brochure is in the mail for all alumni who have been on SST. Call (219) 535-7566 for more information about any of the events.

Darlene Mathis Eddy '59, Muncie, Ind., is a professor of English at Ball State University. She will retire in June after 35 years of teaching. She was the former poet in residence (1989-1993) in the College of Sciences and Humanities and will continue as consulting editor for *Blue Unicorn: A Tri-Quarterly of Poetry*. She is recognized in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who of American Women* as a poet and educator. She was designated a notable Woodrow Wilson National Fellow in 1991 for her achievements.



J. Delbert and Frieda Schellenberg **Erb '51** of Rio Negro, Argentina, began a two-year Mennonite Central Committee assignment in Bolivia Nov. 4.

Sabine Steffen Gardner '59, Centerport, N.Y., is retired from teaching music. She is a professional church organist and a member of the American Guild of Organists.

Maggie I. Glick '53, Wolcottville, Ind., wrote the text for a 60-page book, *Looking Back Going Forward*, for Topeka Mennonite Church's 100th anniversary. In July, she observed her 10th year as a volunteer host at Menno-Hof, an Amish and Mennonite interpretive center in Shipshewana.

Lois Brenneman Gugel '56, Kalona, Iowa, works as part-time archivist at the Mennonite Museum and Archives, Kalona.

Esther Bixler Heatwole '51, La Junta, Colo., was the September recipient of the city of La Junta's monthly Sunshine Award for volunteer work she does with the Ocuvites (a support group for the visually impaired), the American Cancer Society, a cancer support group and with hospice patients with visual problems.

Nathan B. and **Arlene Landis Hege '50**, Landisville, Pa., are both retired.

Don and **Betty Zehr Heiser '56**, New Paris, Ind., are retired from 40 years of pastoral ministry.

John D. and Katherine **Hostetler '50**, Akron, Pa., write they enjoy volunteering to make monthly visits with prisoners at the Federal Correctional Institution in Minersville, Pa.

Alice Farmwald Hostetler '56, Sarasota, Fla., is on the flower committee and leads the music committee for Women in Mission at First Baptist Church. She participated in the church's 25th anniversary of its singing Christmas tree.

Marian Brendle Hostetler '54, Goshen, completed her assignment as moderator to the Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference on July 23.

Marilyn Frey Kay '57, Urbana, Ill., continues to work as director of The Reading Group, a not-for-profit reading clinic. She recently produced a new video, "Growing Up With Dyslexia," which was shown on the local public television station.

John M. '57 and **Naomi Kauffman Lederach '54**, Goshen, completed 10 years at Philhaven Hospital, Mount Gretna, Pa, with Recovery of Hope, an intensive marital therapy program. They retired early and moved to Belfast, Northern Ireland, where, for three years with Mennonite Central Committee, they worked with Catholics and Protestants in the Mediation Network for Northern Ireland. In September 1997, they moved to Spring Brooke in Goshen. They write their retirement is busy with counseling, leading retreats, speaking and travel. They are leading a tour to Ireland in March 1999, and to Jordan, Israel and Egypt in October.

Lois Gisel Leidig '56, Canton, Ohio, retired from 26 years of teaching in 1997. She taught kindergarten with the Canton City schools for 22 years and is presently a substitute teacher.

Luella R. Linder '52, Alliance, Ohio, volunteered two days a week at Shepherd's Gate Child Care Center last year.

David W. Mann '53, Phoenix, Ariz., works as the office manager for his son's construction business. He retired a year ago from 43 years of pastoral ministry.

Grace L. Martin '56, Orrville, Ohio, is a musician in her church and community. She volunteers at a local hospital and co-chairs the county American Heart Walk.

Earl E. '50 and **Clara Erb Meyers '52**, Kitchener, Ontario, celebrated their 50th anniversary June 12.

James A. Miller '59, Colorado Springs, Colo., is retired after selling real estate for 26 years. **Kristine Miller Miller '60** is a part-time R.N. at Penrose Hospital.

Martha Yoder Miller '58, Toledo, Ohio, volunteers at school one day each week and substitute teaches.

Lester J. Miller '61 does volunteer work with the Toledo Rescue Mission and Feed Your Neighbor (Emergency Food).

Olive Grace Yoder Miller '51, Elkhart, Ind., continues as a volunteer for Child Abuse and Protection Services.

Roscoe Y. Miller '51, Glendale, Calif., is retired, but still sees some clients as a licensed clinical social worker. He also volunteers with Kaiser Permanente as a bereavement group facilitator.

W. Edward Nellist '57, Indianapolis, Ind., is retired as a performance-based accreditation consultant for the Indiana Department of Education.

Galen Otto '53, Ashland, Ore., continues to be active in crisis ministry leadership with his home church, Westminster Presbyterian.

Mary Zehr Piper '53, Des Moines, Iowa, is retired from teaching elementary school and spends time traveling in the United States.

Barbara Bender Reber '52, Goshen, will resign in June from her position as executive director of the Mennonite Association of Retired Persons. During her 10-year tenure as MARP's first director, Barbara developed MARP's membership from zero to 3,600, with chapters in six states; published a quarterly newsletter, *Pages*; developed MARP's Service Opportunities for Older People program; and conducted inspirational workshops and meetings for retired persons.

Clarence A. '53 and **Ruth Bixler Reeser '53,** Albany, Ore., recently moved to Mennonite Village.

Rollin R. Rheinheimer '54, Jonestown, Pa., is currently director of AAA Travel Institute, Harrisburg, Pa.

Roger H. Roth '57, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, is on the boards of Mennonite Economic Development Associates and Parkview Home, a Mennonite retirement nursing home in Wayland.

Kenneth '51 and **Doris Good Shoemaker '53**, Dakota, Ill., attended the celebration of Mennonite Central Committee's 50 years in Indonesia, sponsored by Indonesian Mennonite Churches in Semarang, Java, April 13.

Dorris Bechtel Stoll '51, North Adams, Mich., is retired and active in church activities in a rural mission outreach.

Harold A. '50 and **Erma E. Sigler Yoder '50**, Goshen, celebrated their 62nd anniversary Dec. 5. They were married on that date in 1936.

1960-64

Deaths

Irene L. Bishop '63, Perkasie, Pa., Sept. 7.

Donald Blough, husband of **Bonnie Swihart Blough '63**, P.O. Box 725, Goshen, IN 46526-0725, July 23.

Doris Brunk Davis '60, wife of Joe Davis, 419 N. Water St., Silverton, OR 97381-1645, Nov. 18. In her early adult life she was an educator, teaching school for 12 years, with a specialty in early childhood development and the Montessori method; later she worked in real estate. She was an accomplished pianist and artist.

Keith E. Gingrich '63, husband of Elizabeth Baines Gingrich, 18572 County Road 42, Goshen, IN 46526-8572, Nov. 11.

Roman J. Yoder '60, Saint Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 7, 1998.

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Edna Yoder Brugger '62, Lowville, N.Y., is working as a preschool teacher's aide. **Lloyd D. Brugger '68** works in maintenance at Beaver Camp. Both teach Sunday school at Lowville Mennonite Church.

Shirley Gerig Call '60, Lebanon, Ore., writes she retired in 1985 after teaching English for eight years in high school and 18 years in college.

Merle D. Gisel '60, Archbold, Ohio, sells real estate and promotional products. **Carolyn Rufenacht Gisel '60** teaches consumer economics at Wauseon High School.

Gerald M. Gross '64, Syracuse, N.Y., retired in May after 30 years as a member of the faculty at Syracuse University School of Social Work. During that time he served for 21 years as director of undergraduate programs and 20 years as associate dean in charge of curriculum development and evaluation. **Joan Krabill Gross '65** retired in June after 30 years as a Spanish teacher at Fayetteville High School. She also served six years as the chair of the foreign language department.

Joseph M. Haines '63, Ambler, Pa., began a position as lead pastor at Zion Mennonite Church, Souderton, Pa., in July. **Elaine Miller Haines '64** continues to work as a nurse consultant in independent living at Dock Woods Community.

Valetta Aschliman Kaczor '64, Paulinia, Brazil, writes she enjoys teaching Sunday school and English as a foreign language.

Arliss Steider Ketchum '64, Gloucester, Va., is an administrator

for Hampton Social Services and an elder at First Presbyterian Church.

Stanley B. '61 and **Bonnie Liechty King '65**, Goshen, returned to the U.S. in 1997, following nine years in India and five in Kenya, where Stanley worked in crop improvement research with the International Crops Research Institute.

Dwight Y. King '64, DeKalb, Ill., was promoted to professor of political science at Northern Illinois University.

M. Grace Leatherman '60, Markham, Ill., is a part-time computer lab teacher at Community Mennonite Early Learning Center after retiring from six years of teaching high school.

Phyllis Schloneger Lehman '61, Mount Eaton, Ohio, writes she and her husband, Elton, were featured in *People* magazine when he was honored as 1998's "Country Doctor of the Year." Phyllis is involved with music at Kidron Mennonite Church and substitutes as an elementary school music teacher.

Eileen Zimmerly Loeffler '62, Sherwood Park, Alberta, completed 25 years of teaching with Elk Island Public Schools.

Robert and **Nancy Rudy Martin '63**, Lancaster, Pa., received a Distinguished Service Award from the Alumni Association of Eastern Mennonite University in October. Nancy teaches nursing at York College of Pennsylvania and is president-elect of the Mennonite Nurses Association.

Beverly Weaver Smith '62, De Pere, Wis., presented a dramatic portrayal, "Elizabeth Baird Remembers Life in Early Wisconsin," at Heritage Hill State Park, Green Bay, Wis., in December.

Perry C. and Beth Boshart **Steria '64**, Lowville, N.Y., work as correction counselors and English as a Second Language instructors with the New York State Department of Corrections, Gouverneur, N.Y.

James E. Sundheimer '60, Alta Loma, Calif., retired after 36 years of service as a medical technologist at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center. He and **Sharon Egli Sundheimer '62** completed a 14-day tour of Israel and Egypt in January 1998.

Dorothy Yoder Nyce '60, Goshen, wrote a book, *Rooted and Branching: Women World Wide*, a collection of writings by women, mostly Mennonite, from many different countries. Essays in the book describe how women have the capacity to change their portrayal as victims.

1965-69

Marriage

Carl L. Weaver '69 and **Christina B. Kauffman '92**, both of Goshen, Dec. 19.

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John P. Baer '65, Archbold, Ohio, is an independent sales representative for Sauder Manufacturing Company. **Kathryn Ulrich Baer '66** continues working as assistant librarian at Northwest State Community College. In August, she graduated with a degree in organizational management from Bluffton College.

James J. '65 and **Lois Kieffaber Bare '79** are living in New Haven, Conn. After more than 30 years in Elkhart County, Ind., James transferred to the New Haven office of Bayer, Inc., where he is a manager of quality assurance compliance. Lois works part time in development at Connecticut Fund for the Environment, a private advocacy organization. She also volunteers at New Haven's newly established Ten Thousand Villages store.

Wendell D. '66 and **Bonnie King Beck '69**, Onekama, Mich., manage Little Eden Camp. Wendell retired in May 1996 after 30 years of teaching high school.

Dolores Stickan Brown '67, Fort Wayne, Ind., retired from Parkview Hospital in January 1998.

Ruth Holderman Davidhizar '68, Goshen, was recently appointed to the chairperson mentor role for the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission site visitor teams.

Carolyn Dick Emmert '65, Indianapolis, Ind., earned her doctorate in educational administration from Indiana University last summer.

Russell D. Freed '66, East Lansing, Mich., was awarded the International Service in Crop Science Award. This award recognizes creativity and innovation in bringing about changes in practices, products and/or programs in crops at the international level. He presently works as interim associate dean and director of the Institute of International Agriculture at Michigan State University.

Keith D. Gerber '69, North Canton, Ohio, is working at Family Services as a professional clinical counselor. **Reta Schrock Gerber '69** works in utilization management at AultCare Insurance.

Virgil S. Hershberger '65, Fairview, Mich., was elected moderator of Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference. He will serve as moderator-elect from 1998 to 2000 and moderator from 2000 to 2002.

Inez Miller Householter '68, Eureka, Ill., received her master's degree in teaching leadership from St. Xavier's University. She teaches kindergarten art and second grade at Davenport School, Eureka.

V. Dale King '67, Ventura, Calif., is a managing partner real estate consultant for Century 21.

Leo L. Kreider '68, O'Fallon, Mo., was elected to the board of education of the Fort Zumwalt School District, a district with 14,000 students, including the youngest three of six Kreiders. **Mary Kay Myers Kreider '68** completed a sabbatical from her position as professor and department head of the human services program of St. Louis Community College, Meramec, in 1998. She worked in a shelter for women and studied domestic violence.

John A. Liechty '68, Goshen, an aphasia activist, gave the opening remarks at the National Aphasic Association Conference in Chicago in June.

Dan M. Lind '65, Charlottesville, Va., teaches orchestra and does computer support for Buford Middle School in Charottesville. He guest conducts all county and regional orchestra events throughout the state. **Anne Lehman Lind '65** is associate director of computing support services at the University of Virginia and a member of the Virginia Consort Chamber Chorus.

David P. and Ruth Ann Dietz **Martin '66** moved to Buenos Aires, Argentina, to begin a three-year term with Grace Brethren International Missions as 'second career' missionaries. They will primarily serve as administrators for a missionary team involved in church planting, and their work will include hosting evangelism and church construction teams from North America, helping to train and mentor church planting teams and working alongside local Grace Brethren churches in discipleship and evangelism. Dave resigned from TruGreen-ChemLawn after 19 years.

Becky Iden Miller '68, Elkhart, Ind., is a first grade teacher in Bristol. **Stephen C. Miller '69** is a social worker at Elkhart's North Side Middle School.

Evelyn Yoder Miller '66, Athens, Ohio, received her doctorate in English, with a specialization in creative fiction writing, from Ohio University in the fall. Her dissertation is a novel with a critical prologue that situates her work in the literary tradition of female writers who create silent female characters.

Phillip R. Mullet '65, Geneva, Ohio, retired in August after 32 years with Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company.

E. Jane Hostetler Robinett '65, San Diego, Calif., took part in the Mennonite/s Writing in the U.S. conference in October 1997, writing an article on S.C. Yoder that appeared in *Mennonite Quarterly Review* and *Migrant Muses*. She also took part in a writer's workshop in Sante Fe in January.

Mervin L. Roth '66 is treasurer of the Des Moines (Iowa) Mennonite Church and recently completed 13 years as executive director of Iowa Protection and Advocacy Services, an agency providing legal and non-legal advocacy to people with disabilities.

Alvin J. M. Smucker '65, Okemos, Mich., received his fourth Scientific Fellows Award – this time from the American Association for the Advancement of Science. **Betty Voran Smucker '65** returned to teaching textile classes in the department of human environment and design at Michigan State University

1970-74

Marriage

Marvin W. Schrock '70 and Miriam Nofsinger, both of Eureka, Ill., March 14.

Notes

Jonathan W. Beachy '72, Asuncion, Paraguay, is working as a registered translator for Member Chaplaincy Team at the largest national prison.

Judith A. Beechy '70 and Gordon Dyck, Goshen, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in October. Judith also celebrated 20 years of employment at the YWCA of Elkhart County, where she has been executive director since 1990.

Virginia Davidhizar Birky '70, Albany, Ore., is teaching part time at Oregon State University while on a leave of absence from her high school. She is also in her first year of a doctoral program in education. **Karl R. Birky '71** is a civil engineer in Albany.

Janice Graber David '72, Bryan, Ohio, received her master of science in nursing degree from St. Francis College in Fort Wayne, Ind., May 2. She was honored as outstanding

nursing administration student.

Sarah A. Eby-Ebersole '71, Atlanta, Ga., worked on two books during 1998, both of which have been published by Mercer University Press. As sole speechwriter to the Governor of Georgia, she wrote the texts included in *Listen to This Voice: Selected Speeches of Governor Zell Miller.* She is the editor of *Signed, Sealed, and Delivered: Highlights of the Miller Administration.* She left the governor's office in January at the close of the Miller administration and now works at Georgia Institute of Technology.

Jonathan W. Glick '71, Meridian, Idaho, is a licensed professional counselor in private practice in Boise. **Bonnie Schrock Glick '72** is the victim-witness administrator for the Ada County Sheriff's Office, Boise. She is an advocate for felony crime victims for law enforcement investigations through prosecution and sentencing.

Bonnie C. Hackel '70, Winnemucca, Nev., is in her eighth year in child protective services for the state of Nevada. She is part-time director of the Committee Against Family Violence and serves on two state-wide committees on domestic violence.

Jerry '74 and **Leonor Constantin Kennell '74** recently moved to Fort Collins, Colo. Leonor is teaching severely mentally disturbed high school students at Fort Collins High School.

Sanford B. Lehman '72, Goshen, is senior vice president of operations for Starcraft RV, Topeka. He is in charge of manufacturing, engineering, purchasing, parts and warranty of bills of materials.

Daniel E. Lemons '74, Hastings-On-Hudson, N.Y., is a professor of biology at City College of New York. **Mary Smucker Lemons '75** is a fourth grade teacher at Trinity School, Manhattan.

John J. Mishler '72, Goshen, won a purchase award at the 20th Elkhart Juried Regional Exhibit at the Midwest Museum of American Art in Elkhart, Ind., for his aluminum piece "Fire Dance."

Sharon L. Muth '73, Avoca, N.Y., is the principal at Penn Yan (N.Y.) Elementary School.

Emerson D. Nafziger '73, Champaign, Ill., earned a Crop Science Research Award for excellence in research. A professor of crop production and grain crops extension specialist in the Department of Crop Sciences at the University of Illinois, his research and extension programs focus on corn and wheat management practices.

Chibuzor Ozor '73, Ann Arbor, Mich., completed course work for a doctor of ministry degree from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Lester O. '79 and **Kathryn Anderson Snyder '73**, Indianapolis, are hosting an exchange student from Japan.

Joanne E. Sprunger '74, Seattle, Wash., is a psychiatric nurse practitioner at Compass Health, a community mental health center in Everett. She also provides psychiatric services at two state prisons and was a recipient of a 1998 Lilly Schizophrenia Reintegration Award, taking the third place award for nursing.

Lauralea Suess '74, Evanston, Ill., teaches ninth-grade reading and is working on her second master's degree, this time in reading.

Ivan and **Cheryl Swartzentruber Zimmerman '73**, Sarasota, Fla., own their own business.

1975-79

Death

Robert B. Beeson '77, husband of **Reba Smoker Beeson '78**, 983 North St., Greenwich, CT 06831-2820, Oct. 7.

Births

Richard and **Janice Martin Baldauf '76**, Gap, Pa., Sarah Qi, Aug. 23, 1997.

James R. and Karen Kierman **Hall '75**, Beaver Falls, N.Y., Nicole Cecelia, Sept. 14

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Steven C. Birky '77, Saverne, France, writes that, after spending the 1997-98 academic year in Goshen, he and his daughter moved back to France in September and he returned to his job in an information technology department. He writes they had an excellent year in Indiana and wants to thank all those involved, especially GC, where he worked during the year.

Daniel Cantu-Hertzler '77 is a partner at the law firm of Duane, Morris & Heckscher in Philadelphia (Pa.) and serves on the boards of Philadelphia Mennonite High School and Project Learn School. **Deborah Cantu-Hertzler '79** is a licensed clinical psychologist and a member of the Damascus Road Anti-Racism Team of West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship. They have two children.

J. Lamar Freed '79, Philadelphia, Pa., has written an article on multiple sclerosis and mental health which can be found at Http://www.geocities.com /HotSprings/Spa/1042/friends.html. He writes that since his multiple sclerosis diagnosis in 1993, he has had stable symptoms with no exacerbations.

Deborah A. Funk '78, Aurora, Colo., writes she enjoys entering her three dogs in show competitions.

Samuel Gameda '75, Ottawa, Ontario, works as an agricultural engineer for Agriculture Canada's research branch.

Judith Beck Gongwer '79, Elkhart, Ind., continues to work full time for Fairhaven Physicians in Goshen.

Eileen G. Hostetler '78, Ronan, Mont., spent two weeks in Honduras in December with Missoura Medical Aid, an organization that provides volunteers for Save The Children.

Janet Kline Kauffman '79, Littleton, Colo., graduated with highest honors from Metropolitan State College, Denver, in December. She received a bachelor of arts, majoring in sociology with a minor in psychology. Her plans are to begin a master's in social work program next fall.

F. David King '79, La Jolla, Calif., is vice president of business development at Maxim Pharmaceuticals, where he is responsible for corporate development partnerships and marketing Maxim's cancer drugs in Europe and the Pacific Rim. **Susan Fisher King '79** is clinic manager for University of California-San Diego Cancer Center where she oversees ambulatory cancer care in the San Diego area.

Jolene Bontrager Lehman '78, Elkhart, Ind., finished her master's degree in elementary education in June. She is in her seventh year of teaching at Jefferson Elementary School, Goshen.

J. Mark Ramseyer '76, Lexington, Mass., co-authored *Japanese Law: An Economic Approach* with Minoru Nakazato. The publication date was Feb. 1.

Gerald W. Schlabach '79 is associate professor of history and religion at Bluffton (Ohio) College. **Joetta Handrich Schlabach '80** is director of the cross-cultural program and special assistant to the dean at Bluffton.

Amy Monteith Shojai '79, Sherman, Texas, is president of an international professional writers' association and organizes/hosts an annual writers' conference. She frequently lectures on pet care and writing and has completed her 11th and 12th nonfiction books. She is also the vice president of a local theater guild, performs regularly with the community theater and sings in a choir.

Donald E. Thomas '77 has been a stockbroker with Solomon Smith Barney, Lancaster, Pa., since 1991.

Donald L. Tyson '79, Richboro, Pa., was recently promoted to director of outcome and utilization management at Capital Health System, Trenton, N.J.

Mark J. Epp and **Catherine L. Wismer '78**, Henderson, Neb., spent December and January in Paraguay house sitting for Commission of Overseas workers.

1980-84

Marriages

Elizabeth Guedea '84, Madison, Wis., and Sonny Carreño, Dallas, Texas, Aug. 23.

Karen L. Moore '80 and Robert Soley, both from Mount Rainier, Md., Aug. 3, 1996.

Scott L. Trumbo '81, Tigard, Ore., and Nancy Holt, Portland, Ore., Sept. 17, 1989.

Births

Duane E. Bontrager '84 and **Anne L. Martin '83**, Harrisonburg, Va., Seth Martin Bontrager, Sept. 5.

Timothy L. and Andrea Brown **Buckwalter '84**, Lancaster, Pa., Thea Leann, March 7, 1998.

David W. '83 and **Beth A. Martin Birky '83**, Goshen, Hugh Martin Birky, Nov. 10.

Mark and **Mary Lou Smoker Garratt '82**, Goshen, Nathaniel Mark, Nov. 9.

Brian J. '84 and **Laurie D. Lehman Gingrich '83**, Chicago, Ill., Amelia Louise, April 15.

Galen L. Graber '83 and **Ruth Ann Brenneman '87**, Goshen, Natalie Brenneman, Aug. 13.

Kerwin L. '82 and **Cheryl A. Rix Kaufman '82**, Pendleton, Ind., Kyle Andrew, March 3, 1998.

William Miller and **Debora J. Weaver '83**, New Hill, N.C., Samuel Weaver, July 29.

Stanley J. and Vonnie Miller **Oyer '80**, Hubbard, Ore., Jared Phillip, Oct. 17.

David L. and Krista King **Powell '81**, Richmond, Va., Elijah Kendal, Sept. 28.

Dave and **Janet R. Suderman Puzycki '83**, Stevensville, Mich., Sarah Caroline, Nov. 2.

Scott L. and Nancy Holt **Trumbo '81**, Tigard, Ore., Sarah Anne, April 6, 1995.

Notes

Tamene Abebe '84, Fort Collins, Colo., is director of operations at Colorado State University's Lory Student Center.

Craig E. Berkey '80, Bedford Heights, Ohio, was one of two teachers who developed and planned Learning Links II, a new school looping program. **Rosina Miller Berkey '81** was in charge of the recent successful new computer system installation and upgrade to Y2K compatibility at Ursuline College.

Irvin E. Bomberger '81, Barrington, Ill., continues as executive director for two medical specialty organizations, American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine and The Society of Gynecologic Oncologists. Both organizations are headquartered in the Chicago area and provide a variety of educational, research and advocacy services for their members.

Brenda Shantz Broussard '83, Abbeville, La., completed a nurse midwifery certification program at Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing.

Timothy Buckwalter '84, Lancaster, Pa., is a state government reporter for the *Lancaster New Era*, which won a second consecutive first place Keystone Award from the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association in the "best reporting" category.

Elizabeth Guedea Carreño '84, Madison, Wis., appeared on the cover and was featured in the January issue of *Inc.* magazine. She is a corporate librarian for Highsmith Inc.

Charles R. Frederick '82, Bloomington, Ind., successfully defended his dissertation in the Folklore Institute at Indiana University in November.

Michele Schrock Hershberger '83, Goshen, wrote her first book, *A Christian View of Hospitality: Expecting Surprises.*

Cynthia D. Holdeman '82, Denver, Colo., graduated with a master of arts degree in English as a Second Language from the University of Colorado-Denver School of Education.

Felix H. Hoover '81, River Grove, Ill., is pastor at Trinity Community United Church of Christ, Berwyn.

Kent D. Kanagy '83, Albuquerque, N.M., is working on a computer science degree at the University of New Mexico and working at Sandia National Labs as a computer programmer. **Nancy Lapp Kanagy '84** is in her third year as an assistant professor of cell biology and

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Highsmith's secret weapon: Librarian Lisa Guedea Carreño

When Lisa Guedea Carreño '84 transferred to GC her junior year, she brought with her plenty of experience as a library student assistant; she had enjoyed working in Hesston (Kan.) College's library despite the typical student pranks. She stayed on, writing overdue book notices and closing the library at night, even after hearing that students working in the cafeteria there got free ice cream at the end of every shift.

At GC's Good Library, Guedea Carreño helped install the metal security strips in tens of thousands of books, weeded through inventory and did research. Her work there helped her build important skills that – coupled with GC and master's level academic work and more than 15 years of job experience – landed her on the cover of Inc. magazine's January 1999 issue.

Guedea Carreño is a corporate librarian at Highsmith Inc., the country's leading mail-order supplier of equipment such as audio-visual tools and educational software. Her position includes working closely with the company CEO to search for industry trends; scanning periodicals, on-line data-bases and web sites; tracking subjects for other employees; finding answers to questions, and much more.

So how did a GC music performance major wind up knowing, as written in Inc., "her way around information: where to find it, what to do with it, how to make it behave"?

During her undergraduate years, Guedea Carreño studied urban issues and race relations for a semester in Chicago and was a member of the Chicago Symphony Chorus. She took a semester off to stay with the chorus, and worked at the Northwestern University medical school library.

Back at GC she completed her music performance major in 1984 – one year after her father, Ruperto "Tito" Guedea, received his degree, and one year before her mother, Rachel Bixler Guedea, graduated.

After graduating, Guedea Carreño took a job as a law firm librarian in New Hampshire. After being hired away by a competing firm, she began doing "'real' reference and research work … and cataloged a 10,000-book collection from scratch." She also realized she "would need further education and training to fully understand and fill complex information needs."

Guedea Carreño finished her library and information science degree at Simmons College in Boston in 1990, and then moved to Madison, Wis., to work as an information specialist at a biotech company. She then moved to Highsmith, where she has been ever since. Along the way, she has published several professional articles, and has been active in professional organizations.

Now, Guedea Carreño and her staff of two are literally at the heart of Highsmith's operations in Madison – the company's library was designed so that it sits "dead center" in corporate headquarters, according to Inc. senior editor Leigh Buchanan. She describes her job as including these components: information consultant, knowledge manager, reference and research librarian, trend and industry watcher, indexer and annotator, library administrator, strategic sounding board, marketing guinea pig and unofficial but enthusiastic spokesperson for the profession.

In other words, the perfect job for someone who, with a liberal arts major and hands-on library experience, was ready to make her way into the endless world of information.

"Take lots of courses in different areas," advises Guedea Carreño, who will visit campus next year through the Alumni Scholar program. "Versatility, flexibility and awareness are critical traits throughout life." She also said questioning values and ideas from one's comfort zone is important, as is being unafraid of contradictions and paradoxes. "Holding two conflicting ideas in one's head at the same time is a good opportunity for expanding your mind."

— Rachel Lapp

1999-2000 educational travel

The college relations department offers the following tours led by faculty:

Marine Biology
April 4-10, 1999
Explore marine life and local culture and cuisine.
Full
Leaders: Jonathan and Mary Ann Roth
Cost: $380

April in England
April 17-25, 1999
Leaders: Ervin and Phyllis Beck
A special theater, garden, castle and countryside visit. Time in London with travel to Warwick via Salisbury Cathedral and Stonehenge from the lovely Coswolds.
Cost: $2,200. Room for several more.

Art in Florence
May 22-June 1, 1999
Leaders: Abner and Anne Hershberger
A stay in one of the great medieval culture centers of the world for art and more.
Full
Cost: $2,570

Alaska: Wonders of the North
July 27-Aug. 10, 1999
Leaders: Frank and Suzanne Bishop Board a small cruise ship for a 14-day journey to nine ports of call, where we'll learn the heart of the land. In-depth presentations on the art, culture and history precede land visits.
Cost: $2,800-$3,400, depending on lodging choice

Stratford Theater Trip
Oct. 15-17, 1999
Bus trip to the Shakespeare Festival in Ontario. Three plays, lodging in Queens Inn and dinner at The Church Restaurant included.
Cost: $390

Haiti: Missions and Development in a Third World Setting
Jan. 27-Feb. 7, 2000
Leaders: Arlin and Naomi Hunsberger
An in-depth look at development in a Third World country that offers a way to meet local workers and experts in mission and development projects of Pan American Development Foundation, Mennonite Central Committee and MEDA. Visit centers in Port-au-Prince with several days in Cape Haitian.
Cost: $2,395

Photographing Santa Barbara
Feb. 13-18, 2000
Leaders: Henry and Mary Weaver
Santa Barbara, setting between mountains and the Pacific Ocean, is one of the most photogenic locales in the United States. There will be lectures, photographing the city's special sights and image evaluation each day. For beginners to experienced amateurs. Non-participating spouses may audit.
Cost: $495, non-participating spouse $320

Call Janette Yoder at (219) 535-7545 or e-mail janetteky@goshen.edu for detailed itinerary or questions.

physiology at the university's school of medicine.

Kerwin L. Kaufman '82, Pendleton, Ind., completed his master's in business administration degree in marketing from Butler University in May 1997. He is currently working in research and development for Roche Diagnostics, Indianapolis.

Annette L. King '83, Decatur, Ga., is working for DeKalb County Schools as a preschool special education teacher.

Karen L. Moore '80, Mount Rainier, Md., has begun a master's degree program in acupuncture after 10 years in private practice as clinical social worker.

Ted '82 and **Kathy Schroeder Nussbaum '83** recently moved to Kodiak, Alaska, after spending 14 years in Eugene, Ore. Ted earned a master's degree in elementary education from the University of Oregon and is currently teaching first grade. Kathy worked in hospice, both as a nurse and as the director of a children's grief support program, for nine years. She earned a master's degree in development psychology and is currently working as a school nurse in the middle school and high school in Kodiak.

Steven C. Rhodes '83, Harrisonburg, Va., is a full-time attorney doing elder law, working with estate planning, real estate, wills and Medicaid. **Donita Schwartzentruber Rhodes '83** works part time with children and families as a licensed clinical social worker.

Evan J. Roth '83, Littleton, Colo., recently joined the board of directors of Interactive Software in Denver where he serves as chief financial officer. The company recently went public in an information technology rollup known as Condor Technology Solutions.

Dawn Detweiler Schell '83, Gainesville, Fla., is an assistant professor in the University of Florida's department of anesthesiology.

S. Dean Schmucker '80, Kahului, Hawaii, is a tax return examiner for the department of taxation in Wailuku.

Mary Lou Schmucker Schwartzentruber '83, Tavistock, Ontario, completed two commissioned quilted fiber pieces last year.

Robert C. Smucker '81, Goshen, is a software engineer with ProSys Group, Inc. He works from an office at home, providing consulting, design and development services using case modeling tools.

Colleen Grove Troost '84, Nagele, Netherlands, translates Dutch sermons to English for English-speaking refugees in the Netherlands.

Donald R. Troyer '84, South Bend, Ind., leads the Boys Club at Kern Road Mennonite Church and has finished his partnership "buy-in."

Scott L. Trumbo '81, Tigard, Ore., is a sales manager in the packing department for Fort James Corporation.

John F. Ulrich '81 is a psychologist at Wedgwood Christian Youth and Family Services, Traverse City, Mich. **Tina Hartzler Ulrich '80** is the director of the Sutton's Bay Area Public Library.

Judy L. Weaver '81 is a Spanish instructor and program coordinator at Chemeketa Community College, Salem, Ore.

Robert A. '84 and **Anna Lisa Histand Yoder '85**, Quakertown, Pa., continue to play folk music in DayBreak. Anna Lisa substitute teaches and recently started a distributorship with Dorling Kindersley Books.

Christian P. Yoder '80, Washington, D.C., is working as a study coordinator in AIDS clinical trials at the National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Md.

Brent E. '83 and **Usha Barwale Zehr '83** and their two boys, Brian (9) and Benjamin (5), Jalna, Maharashtra, India, assist in the operation of their family-owned seed and agricultural business.

1985-89

Marriages

Tracy Anglemyer '85 and Michael Gill, both of Goshen, Sept. 21.

Valerie J. Hurst '87 and Timothy J. Gardner, both of Hermitage, Pa., Nov. 28.

Kathleen D. Kremer '86 and Rich McFall, both of Valley Park, Mo., Oct. 4, 1997.

Pamela Lehman '89 and George Robert Pulliam, both of Fort Wayne, Ind., Oct. 24.

Susan Yoder '87 and Dan Ruszkowski, both of South Bend, Ind., Nov. 21.

William C. Stoltzfus '87, Kokomo, Ind., and Rebecca Hite, Ligonier, Ind., Aug. 9.

Gloria Mumaw '86, Indianapolis, Ind., and Robert Verbanac, South Bend, Ind., Sept. 6.

Births

Dennis E. '88 and **Jane A. Mishler Bontrager '89**, Goshen, Melinda Brooke, Sept. 2.

James and **Jill Burmeister Decker '87**, Albuquerque, N.M., Julia Marie, March 12, 1998.

Richard and **Jill A. Esmonde Donovan '87**, Carrsville, Va., Samuel Esmonde, Feb. 15, 1998.

Patrick and **Gwendolyn R. Miller Duckworth '89**, Goshen, Megan Lyn, Nov. 20.

Terry and **DeLane J. Miller Graber '85**, Goshen, Erin Michelle, Oct. 6.

John and **Rebecca Greenleaf Mowchan '89**, Woodbridge, Va., Gabrielle Susann, May 2.

Chris and **Cynthia A. Watkins Nelke '86**, Scottsdale, Ariz., Alyssa Anne, Feb. 24, 1998.

Robert '87 and **Katharine Mast Shreiner '89**, Mishawaka, Ind., Evan Mast, Dec. 7.

Franklin R. '91 and **Rebecca S. Yoder Stichter '88**, Goshen, Jordanne Renee, June 4.

David Skudneski and **Kerry L. Stutzman '88**, Littleton, Colo., Palmer Stutzman, Feb. 14, 1998.

Gregory and **Kim M. Roth Walker '88**, Archbold, Ohio, Toby Lee, Sept. 8.

Notes

Krista Graber Blankinship '88, Gilbert, Ariz., started a new job as program manager for Well Aware, a care management program for diabetes, asthma and lower back pain. She also began as a D.O.T.S. rubber stamp and scrapbook demonstrator this fall.

Dennis E. Bontrager '88, Goshen, teaches eighth grade social studies at Discovery Middle School, Mishawaka. **Jane Mishler Bontrager '89** teaches first grade at Shipshewana-Scott Elementary.

David F. Diller '86, Empire, Mich., has been working as director of Glen Lake Library since October 1997. For three and a half years before that, he worked as a reference librarian in Libby, Mont.

Jill Ann Esmonde Donovan '87, Carrsville, Va., has been singing with the Virginia Symphony Chorus for four years.

Steven R. Gale '88 and Jill Kuhn, Garden East, Ill., are both completing predoctoral internships in psychology in the Chicago area this year. They will graduate in May.

Holly A. Graber '86, Renton, Wash., began a three-year Mennonite Central Committee assignment in Germany in November, where she is working at peace issues. She was last employed as a permit technician in Renton.

René Harder Horst '89 continues to teach Latin American history at Bates College, Lewiston, Maine.

Bert A. and Alicia Batson **Hartman '87**, Memphis, Tenn., will finish medical school in June. They are currently interviewing for psychiatry residency training.

Emily V. Headings '89 and **Eric J. Troyer '90** recently moved to Seattle, Wash., were Ric is starting his family medicine residency at Swedish Medical Center and the 45th Street Community Clinic.

Philip L. Hertzler '85, Shepherd, Mich., began work at Central Michigan University last fall as an assistant professor of biology. **Jessica W. Lapp '86** is teaching English part time at Central Michigan University.

Martin P. Hodel '86, assistant professor of music at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., is teaching music theory and trumpet.

Julie A. Landis-Cheng '87, Los Angeles, Calif., traveled to Guinea, West Africa, to work as a recovery room nurse on the ship Anastasis.

Myron Lind '86, Harrisonburg, Va., has owned Blue Ridge CycleWorks, a bicycle business, for six years. **Joyce Peachy Lind '85** is a piano teacher and administrative assistant in the Eastern Mennonite University preparatory music program.

Monica Denney Markel '88, Chesterton, Ind., is employed as a page designer at the Valparaiso office of *The Munster Times*.

J. Christopher Markley '87, Mishawaka, Ind., is in a private physical medicine and rehabilitation group practice in South Bend, Ind. He also sees outpatients in Goshen.

Richard E. Martin '86, Goderich, Ontario, teaches upper-elementary vocal and instrumental music and homeroom. **Kathleen King Martin '86** is director of music at the United Church. She has about a dozen piano students and accompanies an adult community choir. She began conducting an area youth chorus in September which has 45 members and a waiting list.

Bradley D. Miller '85, Lakeworth, Fla., completed his first year of owning and operating his own land planning consulting company.

LeAnne Zimmerman Quenzer '85, Clovis, Calif., received a registered nurse degree in December 1997. She is currently working as a pediatric nurse in the medical-surgical and oncology unit at a children's hospital. She is hoping to incorporate her R.N. and GC nutrition degree in the public health field in the future.

Susan L. Yoder Ruszkowski '87 is as an administrative assistant for Sterling Group, Mishawaka, Ind.

J. Douglas Sharp '88, Gilbert, Ariz., is controller at an interactive software company in Tempe. **Amy Litwiller Sharp '91** graduated from Arizona State University with a bachelor of science in nursing degree and is working at Good Samaritan Medical Center.

Michelle Schirch Shelly '85 joined the staff at the Maple City Health Care Center, Goshen, in August, as the second full-time physician. She had been working for a hospital in Washington, D.C., before the move to Goshen.

Brenda Stoltzfus Toews '85, Goshen, works in the surgery department as the information systems coordinator at Goshen General Hospital. **Robert J. Toews '85**, works as a woodworker at Swartzendruber Hardwood Creations.

David Avagliano Treber '86, Frostburg, Md., appeared in the upper left in a *Sports Illustrated* aerial photograph of the mass start of the New York City Marathon, which he completed in 2:48. Pictured here with **Nancy Chupp '87**, he writes, "We just happened to see each other out of the 30,000 runners. Out of the millions in New York, we've 'run' into each other twice now. In 1996, I stayed at Menno House when I ran this race and Nancy happened to stop by there. She says that got her thinking about running it herself."

Gloria Mumaw Verbanac '86, Indianapolis, Ind., works at the Indiana Children's Bureau.

Tang Xingzheng '88 and his family moved to Chongqing, China, two years ago. He is the foreign languages department chair at Chongqing University of Posts and Telecommunications.

1990

Marriages

Anita S. Miller and Steve Stutzman, both of Denver, Colo., Sept. 19.

Debra Stoltzfus, Kinzers, Pa., and Thomas Roedema, Lancaster, Pa., June 7.

Births

Tim A. and **Kimberly A. Stjernholm Kauffman**, Westminster, Colo., Courtney Erin, March 24, 1998.

Cameron and **Dawn R. Kaufman-Frey**, Morgantown, W. Va, Adam Kaufman-Frey, Nov. 22.

Brian and **Lori Steiner Jans**, Union, Ohio, Benjamin Steiner Jans, July 2.

Douglas A. and **Rita Enns Peters '92**, Robbinsdale, Minn., Andrea Marie, Sept. 21.

Hung and **Cynthia L. Surgener Ly**, Limerick, Pa., Jordan David, July 10.

Notes

Jan Friesen Holsopple, Goshen, teaches first grade part time at West Goshen Elementary. She is also teaching Reading Problems during the spring semester at GC.

Mark A. Guengerich recently moved to Colorado and is teaching chemistry and physics at Brighton High School.

Cynthia M. Hockman-Chupp, Canby, Ore., is a stay-at-home mom with three children. She is currently substitute teaching and writing a young adult column for *Builder*.

Mark A. Houser, Churubusco, Ind., is planning to attend Indiana University School of Optometry in the fall.

Anita S. Miller, Denver, Colo., graduated with a doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of

Include GC in your travels

Traveling over spring break or during the summer? Don't forget to include GC in your itinerary, particularly if there is a high school student in your group. Campus visitors are welcome anytime, but please call ahead so we can arrange a schedule that best meets the needs of prospective students. April 8-9 is a special time to visit, thanks to a Campus Open House scheduled by the GC admissions office. Call (800) 348-7422 or (219) 535-7535 for more information or to register.

Go camping at GC!

GC offers three opportunities for youth to develop skills and friendships during the summer months. Call (800) 348-7422 or (219) 535-7535 for more information about:

- Piano Workshop, June 14-17, junior high and high school (also available to adults).
- VISION Camp, June 20-25, junior high students from under-represented groups.
- Computer Camp, July 11-16, preference for students completing seventh and eighth grades.
- Soccer Camp, July 19-23, ages 8 to high school.

Denver in August and is doing a post-doctoral fellowship in public psychology through the University of Colorado Health Services Center.

Debra Stoltzfus Roedema, Kinzers, Pa., is employed as a registered nurse at Community Hospital of Lancaster.

1991

Marriages

Daniel Andres Diener, Richardson, Texas, and Lynn Eastman, Harrisonburg, Va., June 6.

H. Randall Yoder and Emily Greenfield, both of Milwaukee, Wis., June 13.

Jill S. Yoder, Ames, Iowa, and Kevin Ackley, Virginia, Minn., Aug. 8.

Births

Duane J. and **Deanna C. Chupp Beck '92**, Archbold, Ohio, Gabriel Aaron, Nov. 22.

Kerry J. and **Mary Beth Alderfer Beck**, White River Junction, Vt., Miriam Alderfer, March 2, 1998.

Steven S. and **Sharon E. Miller Edwards '95**, Goshen, Wynton Gabriel, Dec. 7.

Cory J. and **Penny L. Ropp Good**, Orange, Calif., Anne Elizabeth, July 24.

Notes

Susan Holst Beck, Elkhart, Ind., graduated from Indiana University in May with a master's degree in nursing. She accepted a nurse practitioner position in pediatric neurology at DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich., and moved there in December.

Duane J. and **Deanna Chupp Beck '92**, Archbold, Ohio, both teach half days at Pettisville schools.

Terry D. Brandeberry, Goshen, works as the assistant material control manager at Skyline Corporation's Bristol site. He also does accounting work at home.

Paul J. and **Leah Mullet Hershberger '93** are in the second year of a three-year Mennonite Central Committee term as environmental education promotors in Siuna, a small town in northeastern Nicaragua.

Richard L. Hochstetler, São Paulo, Brazil completed his master's in economics at the University of São Paulo in August. His thesis topic was electric power industry reform in Brazil. He is continuing his studies at the University of São Paulo, pursuing his doctorate in economics.

Angela D. Lewis, Sturgis, Mich., moved from the head cook position at Amigo Centre to the bookkeeper position in September.

Robert A. Swisher, Sawyer, Mich., received his master of arts degree in history from Northern Michigan University in December.

H. Randall Yoder, Milwaukee, Wis., completed his doctorate in biology in May 1998 at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and is teaching biology at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Kevin Ackley and **Jill S. Yoder**, Ames, Iowa, are in graduate school at Iowa State University.

1992

Death

Mark E. Horsch, Lombard, Ill., June 26.

Marriage

Dorie Omondi '92 and Gary Aufmann, both of Morton Grove, Ill., October 1998.

Birth

Dinesh S. and Shashi A. Martin **Perera**, Dubuque, Iowa, Praveen Sheral, Aug. 29.

Notes

Dorie Omondi Aufmann, Morton Grove, Ill., writes she will be working as an information technology professional in the near future.

D. Scott Bodiker, Goshen, was inducted into the Elkhart County Sports Hall of Fame in November.

Troy E. '93 and **Ramona Enns Kauffman**, Mishawaka, Ind., recently moved back to the Goshen area after living in Colorado for four years. Ramona works in interior design and architecture at The Troyer Group, Inc. Troy is the choir director at Penn High School, Mishawaka.

Eric A. and **Andrea Nafziger Nord '94**, State College, Pa., will be serving with Mennonite Central Committee in Honduras beginning in March 1999. Both graduated with master's degrees in ecology from Penn State University in December.

Mark R. and **Sarah Hubbard Schloneger '93**, Fort Thomas, Ky., began a three-year Mennonite Central Committee assignment in Mozambique in November. Mark will be working as a consultant in education, and Sarah will work as a nurse.

Michael W. Wiggs is teaching English at the Beijing (China) University of Science and Technology.

1993

Marriages

José Elizalde, San Juan, Texas, and **Deena Graybill '95**, Freeport, Ill., Sept. 12.

Heidi Beachey and Thomas Elonich, both of Elkhart, Ind., Aug. 1.

Ronda Saffer and Bill Peeples, both of Aurora, Colo., Aug. 1.

Births

Philip M. and Elizabeth Rule **Horst**, Cincinnati, Ohio, Kathryn Elizabeth, Nov. 21.

Joel and Julie Peterson **Wenger**, Goshen, Hayden Scott, Nov. 18.

Notes

José Elizalde, San Juan, Texas, continues as pastor of Good News Mennonite Church and is director of Centros de Capacitacion Teologicos de Texas with Instituto Biblico Anabautista. **Deena Graybill Elizalde '95** works as a registered nurse and assistant director of nurses at MCH – Pediatric Nursing Specialists, a pediatric home health agency specializing in private duty nursing for chronically and acutely ill children.

Kendra S. Good, Charlottesville, Va., is in her second year of an internal medicine residency at the University of Virginia Health Sciences Center.

Terri R. Miller, Wetzlar, Germany has been working for the past year and a half as a Mennonite Central Committee volunteer at Church & Peace doing translation and communication work. She will continue for two years.

Jorge A. Vallejos, Goshen, is director of short-term missions at Mennonite Board of Missions, Elkhart. He oversees staff who manage MBM's existing short-term mission programs – Service Adventure, Group Venture, Youth Venture and Service Opportunities for Older People.

Joshua P. Yoder, Chicago, Ill., is in his second year of a master of divinity program at McCormick Theological Seminary and doing a field placement at Evanston Mennonite Church.

1994

Marriages

Keri J. Bender, Goshen, and Howard M. Mathews, New Paris, Ind., Feb. 21, 1998.

Julie Sauder and Trevor Crossgrove, both of Wauseon, Ohio, Sept. 6, 1997.

Sara Hershberger, San Francisco, Calif., and **Luke C. Mast '95**, Tiskilwa, Ill, Oct. 17.

Hitesh A. Parekh, Ellicott City, Md., and Priti Sanghui, Calcutta, India, Feb. 10, 1998.

Brian E. Troyer, Sturgis, Mich., and **Jessilyn B. Blocher '96**, Goshen, Aug. 22.

Sheldon L. Yoder and **M. Joy McFadden**, both of North Manchester, Ind., Sept. 19.

Birth

Gregory E. and **Erika L. Baus Liestman**, Goshen, Tanner Edward, June 24.

Notes

Douglas A. Klopfenstein, Goshen, teaches fourth grade at Millersburg Elementary School.

Sara Hershberger Mast, San Francisco, Calif., is employed by Sally's Café. **Luke C. Mast '95** is employed as a GED tutor by East Oakland Youth Development Center in Oakland.

Hitesh A. Parekh, Ellicott City, Md., works as a senior consultant at Oracle's Columbia, Md., office.

Scott D. Reeser, Madison, Wis., is a media specialist at University of Wisconsin Learning Innovations, helping to develop courses deployed over the Internet.

Sonya M. Yoder, Indianapolis, Ind., received her master's degree in speech-language pathology from the University of Minnesota in the summer of 1998. She works as a speech-language pathologist for West Central Joint Services in the Indianapolis schools.

Sheldon L. Yoder, Goshen, is employed as a customer service specialist for lawn and gardening by Wal-Mart Supercenter. **M. Joy McFadden Yoder** works as a program assistant at the Thelma Schrock Homestead Adult Day Services at Greencroft, Inc.

1995

Marriage

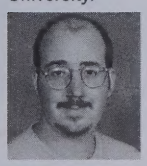
Ed Leichty and **Amy Friesen '97**, both of Goshen, Oct. 24.

Birth

Theodore S. and Liane **Pribadi**, Jakarta, Indonesia, Jeremie Henokh, Dec. 1.

Notes

Mark A. Herris, Tempe, Ariz., has begun work on a doctor of musical arts degree at Arizona State University.



K. Erich Miller, Goshen, began a three-year Mennonite Central Committee assignment as a documentation center worker in Thailand.

Kristin D. Nolan, Lansdale, Pa., is currently employed as an interior designer with Ethan Allen Interiors.

Theodore S. Pribadi, Jakarta, Indonesia, works as the information systems manager for Smith+Nephew Healthcare.

Ricardo Rodriguez, Goshen, was recognized by Elkhart County Court Services and presented with the Dr. Earle L. Kent Award for outstanding community service as an adult probation volunteer.

Angela J. Showalter, New York, N.Y., began her first year of law school at New York University. She is sharing the manager position at Menno House in Manhattan with **Catherine Friesen '96**.

1996

Marriages

Benjamin Q. Householder, Wakarusa, Ind., and **Dena Ramer '98**, Elkhart, Ind., July 18.

Kyle D. Longacre and Maggie Harris, both of Green Lane, Pa., June 27.

Karen Showalter, Cambridge, Mass., and Matthew D. Miller, Elkhart, Ind., Aug. 15.

J. Stephen Sauder, South Bend, Ind., and **Gretchen M. Kenn '97**, Goshen, Nov. 29, 1997.

Notes

Dallas W. Barkman, Fort Wayne, Ind., was named New Home Consultant of the Year, with over $4 million in real estate sales, for Crossman Communities' Fort Wayne Division. Crossmann builds homes in six states.

Benjamin Q. Householder, Wakarusa, Ind., is employed as a health and physical education teacher at Marian High School, Mishawaka. **Dena Ramer Householder '98** works at the Wakarusa Medical Clinic.

Kyle D. Longacre, Green Lane, Pa., is teaching social studies and coaching baseball at Quakertown High School.

1997

Marriages

Reuben Shank and **Kristina L. Glick**, both of Millersburg, Ohio, Oct. 4, 1997.

Notes

Lisa A. Beachy, Washington, D.C., is doing a year of Mennonite Voluntary Service with Mennonite Board of Missions.

Janine R. Byler works at a CPA firm in Sturgis, Mich.

Dawn N. Hunsberger, Goshen, is employed as receipts/computer secretary in the college relations department at GC.

Aaron Kreider, Notre Dame, Ind., is working for the inclusion of sexual orientation into the University of Notre Dame's nondiscrimination clause.

Jason L. Moshier, Indianapolis, is in his first year at the Indiana University School of Medicine.

Derek L. Wagler, Goshen, is teaching high school chemistry at Elkhart Central High School.

Gregory J. Yoder, Elkader, Iowa, is in the second year of teaching Spanish at Elkader High School. He is also the junior varsity basketball and baseball coach. This year he is planning to take 10 of his students to Ecuador.

1998

Marriages

Jonathan L. Nofziger, Goshen, and **Katie Graber '99**, Washington, Iowa, April 25.

Robin Buller, Bloomington, Ind., and Brett Weddell, Goshen, Aug. 8.

Notes

Melody J. Miller, Middlebury, Ind., is working as a prenatal care coordinator at Healthy Babies, Elkhart.

Dawn M. Myers, Goshen, is serving as a placement facilitator with Adoption Options, Winnipeg, Manitoba, in a one-year Mennonite Voluntary Service assignment.

Kimberly R. Plank, Knoxville, Tenn., is studying speech and hearing at the University of Tennessee.

James L. Rodman, Angola, Ind., is in a one-year Mennonite Voluntary Service assignment as volunteer coordinator for the Community School Mediation Project in Boulder, Colo.

Kimberly S. Salvagni, Goshen, was accepted into the doctoral program in cognitive psychology at the University of Notre Dame. She is in her first year of study and is conducting research on visual attention.

Jennifer L. Smith, Mishawaka, Ind., is working with Elkhart EnviroCorp, an AmeriCorp Program.

Faculty and staff

Death

Nancy Swartzentruber Lapp (faculty '81-'88), spouse of **James Lapp (faculty '81-'88)**, 61 West Park Ave., Sellersville, PA 18960-2519, Dec. 6. The Lapps shared the role of campus pastor.

Travel with Merry Lea

The Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College offers the following educational tours:

Smoky Mountain Wildflower Pilgrimage

April 21-25, 1999

Join us for this third annual trip to Smoky Mountain National Park to participate in the 49th Annual Wildflower Pilgrimage organized by the Gatlinburg Garden Club.

Morton Arboretum

May 18, 1999

Visit the 1700-acre Morton Arboretum with over 3,600 kinds of trees, shrubs, and vines, both native and from around the world. Bill Minter, guide.

Midwest Birding: Kirtland's Warblers

June 6-8, 1999

Travel to Oscoda and Crawford counties in north-central Michigan, an area where habitat is actively managed for the benefit of the endangered Kirtland's Warbler. Trip includes visiting Hartwick Pines, an area including a stand of virgin white pine, and birding in Huron National Forest.

Call David Miller of Merry Lea at (219) 799-5869 or e-mail davejm@goshen.edu for detailed itinerary or questions.

New majors, gen ed program highlight February meetings

Approval of two new academic majors and a general education program, faculty recommendations and an energetic "state of the college" report from President Shirley H. Showalter highlighted the GC Board of Overseers' February meetings.

The president reported the school's best fall-to-spring retention in eight years, record applications and outstanding alumni and other giving during the first six months of the fiscal year.

The board approved two new majors (see below) and a general education program reaffirming that education, training and socialization in the liberal arts tradition will remain at the core of GC's mission.

The general education program will include 44-53 credit hours, with flexibility offered in choosing general education courses. Combined with more than 70 programs of study leading to more than 30 majors and 30 minors, GC students will be able to individualize studies to meet their own interests while also developing core competencies, said Paul Keim, academic dean and vice president for academic affairs.

In personnel issues, Debra Brubaker '79 was appointed to a tenure-track position as associate professor of music. Brubaker has a master's degree in choral conducting and vocal performance from Northern Colorado University and will complete coursework for her doctorate in vocal performance from the University of Kansas in May. She has taught for four years in public schools in Indiana and Colorado and for 10 years at Bluffton (Ohio) College.

In other faculty-related action, the board:

- approved tenure for Jo-Ann Brant, associate professor of Bible, religion and philosophy.
- moved Jennifer Jenkins, assistant professor of biology, to a tenure-track position.
- extended one-year appointments to J. Michael Harley (assistant professor of music), William Kinsey (athletic trainer), Marcia LeMay (assistant professor of Spanish) and Jennifer Parker (assistant professor of music).
- granted sabbaticals to Carl Barnett (associate professor of English), Fern Brunner (associate professor of nursing), Leonard Geiser (professor of business), Larry Rupp (director of residence life) and Joseph Springer (curator of the Mennonite Historical Library).
- granted the title of director emeritus of international education to Arlin Hunsberger.

— Lyle Miller

Board approves majors in peace, justice and conflict studies, environmental studies

Citing student interest and commitments to principles of peacemaking and environmental stewardship, the GC Board of Overseers approved majors in environmental studies and peace, justice and conflict studies at its February meetings.

Both programs are slated to begin in the fall of 1999; the environmental studies major is pending approval by the Mennonite Board of Education, expected to act in March or April.

In addition to its current peace studies minor, GC has long been active in developing partnerships between the college and the communities it serves. A variety of PJCS-related programs already exist on campus. The newly designed major builds on this history and integrates the program into a new pattern of courses and community relationships.

The environmental studies major will feature a multidisciplinary approach to issues of human ecology and the health of environmental systems that support human life. The major takes advantage of existing

college strengths in its field biology facilities at the 1,150-acre Merry Lea Center near Wolf Lake, Ind., and a marine biology station in the Florida Keys and science, peace and international education.

— Lyle Miller

Showalter reappointed president

Shirley H. Showalter has been appointed to a second term as president of GC by the Mennonite Board of Education (MBE).

The reappointment to another term, which begins July 1999 and ends June 2003, came upon a recommendation from the GC Board of Overseers and followed a review by a three-person committee jointly appointed by MBE and the Board of Overseers. The committee was Diane Alderfer Kropf (chair) and Virgil Miller from the Board of Overseers and Janice Yordy Sutter, pastor of Kern Road Mennonite Church, South Bend, Ind.

Showalter was named the college's 14th president in 1996 after serving on the faculty for 20 years.

"God has blessed me and Goshen College beyond our dreams in the first two years of a new administration," said Showalter. "I cannot think of any greater honor than being asked to serve Goshen College, the Mennonite Church and the 20,000 alumni and friends who are part of our past, present and future.

"I thank the members of the president's council, their teams, the faculty, staff and students for their support and for the harmonious ways they have worked with me and with each other. Most of all, I praise God for grace and wisdom and strength. Trusting in that great gift, I look forward with joy to four more years as president."

The review committee found overwhelmingly positive support for the work of President Showalter from the groups and individuals contacted. "She is the right person at the right time for the right institution," the committee quoted several persons as saying. The committee acknowledged and affirmed President Showalter's own "positive, ongoing sense of call and her enthusiasm for the mission of the college."

Respondents to the committee's survey affirmed President Showalter's desire to continue strengthening the relationship between GC and the Mennonite Church. "She cares deeply for the church, and her actions reflect this," said the committee in its report.

"President Showalter is effective in pursuing and communicating new visions for the college," the committee also said. "She is characterized as a visionary leader." The group cited a new honors program, designed to serve a multiplicity of student gifts and talents, began this past fall on campus. The college also began its first external program in Sarasota, Fla.

— Don Garber, Mennonite Board of Education

Lapp appointed acting dean, VP for student life

Professor of Education Anita Stalter Lapp has been appointed acting dean of students and vice president for student life for the remainder of the college's 1998-99 academic year. Lapp, chair of the education department and director of GC's teacher education program, has been a faculty member at the college since 1987. She will serve until Carlos Romero begins in the position in August 1999.

Romero, currently the Mennonite Church's minister of youth, was named to the dean of students position in May of 1998. He will join the GC president's council after completing an assignment coordinating a churchwide convention expected to draw 6,000 youth to St. Louis in July 1999.

Lapp replaces Interim Dean of Students Phyllis Carter. Originally hired to serve during the 1997-98 school year, Carter was asked by the college to extend her term, said President Shirley H. Showalter. "When we selected Carlos Romero as dean of students, we prevailed upon Phyllis to stay another year, knowing that she would have preferred to go back into retirement," said Showalter. "Though she has chosen to resign, we are very happy with the year and a half of excellent service Phyllis has given to GC."

Lapp brings significant strengths to this assignment, said Provost and Executive Vice President John D. Yordy. "Anita's genuine interest and caring for students has characterized her work at Goshen College," he said. "She is a faculty leader and has served on a number of campus committees, including several related to student life."

A member of the campus judicial board since 1994, Lapp also was a member of the dean's advisory committee and has chaired the academic council. She served on the presidential search committee and the search committee for dean of students.

Lapp attended GC and has a bachelor's degree from Eastern Mennonite College (Harrisonburg, Va.), a master's degree in education from James Madison University (Harrisonburg) and a doctorate in education from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich.

— Lyle Miller

GC tops doctoral-generating colleges list in affordability, announces smallest fee increase in 27 years

GC already ranks No. 1 in affordability among the top 100 doctoral-degree generating national liberal arts colleges in the Great Lakes region.

And seeking to make a good thing better, the college has announced its smallest percentage fee increase in more than a quarter century.

"We think one of the best college values in the country just became even more valuable," said GC President Shirley H. Showalter in making the announcement. Tuition and fees will increase just 3.5 percent for the 1999-2000 school year. Total fees, including room and board, will increase 3.7 percent. Both percentages are the smallest at the school since 1972-73.

The overall traditional program tuition, fees, room and board total will increase $610 to $16,920 in 1999-2000, up from $16,310 this year. Tuition will be $12,320, up from $11,900 this year. Room and board will increase to $2,150 and $2,190 from $2,060 and $2,100. The college's technology fee will increase to $260 from $250.

The $16,310 students paid for total fees in 1998-99 was the lowest among the Carnegie national liberal arts colleges from the Great Lakes region ranked in the top 100 in a recent Franklin and Marshall College study of the baccalaureate origins of 1986-95 doctoral recipients. Overall, GC ranked eighth in affordability among the top 100 doctoral producers, trailing only Grove City (Pa.) College and six schools in the south, where lower cost of living situations have enabled colleges to pay less in faculty salaries, for example, which constitute the largest single item in most college's budgets. A total of 84 of the top 100 had sticker prices above $20,000 and several were more than twice GC's total.

How has the college remained affordable among the nation's most prestigious colleges?

"We're not playing Robin Hood," said Showalter. "Many schools have built their financial aid budgets by substantially increasing their 'sticker price' and using Peter's tuition to pay for Paul's. We're not willing to play that game.

"In recent years, our increases have regularly been smaller than similar schools in both real dollars and percentages. With such a modest increase, it appears that this will again be the case. Students and their families recognize the financial responsibility we have shown."

Rather than significant price hikes, GC has relied on generous regular support from alumni and other friends to build its endowment and budget for financial aid, said GC Vice President for Finance James Histand. GC typically ranks among the leaders in Indiana in endowment per student and ended the 1997-98 fiscal year with more than $76 million in total endowment. Of this amount, 21 percent is earmarked specifically for student assistance. In addition, donors gave $200,000 in a recently completed student phonothon, nearly all of which is designated for student aid. A total of 12 percent of the school's annual revenue is generated through endowment, a figure well above the average for schools of its type. About 15 percent of the total college budget in 1997-98 funded financial assistance, directly benefiting 90 percent of the student body.

"Our many generous donors support the ideals of helping students by giving to programs which provide financial assistance," said Showalter, who also cited affordability in the college's increased enrollment this fall. "Whether a graduate or other friend of the college, or a business which employs GC graduates, benefactors recognize the role GC plays in the development of students."

New student scholarship recognizes service, involvement

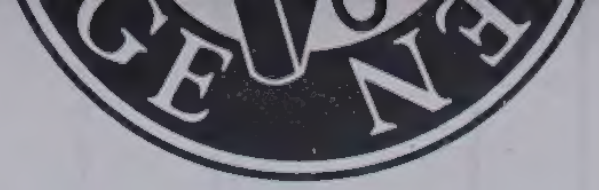
Candidates for a new GC scholarship will be easy to spot – in addition to their formal studies, they find value in participating in activities outside the classroom:

They are volunteering as a coach or mentor at the Boys and Girls Club, or swinging a hammer for Habitat for Humanity. They are the president of their high school student body and sing in a choir, or are on the debate team. Perhaps they edit the school newspaper and are active in the chess club, or lead youth group activities.

The Service/Involvement Recognition Award (SIRA) is designed to encourage students who have found fulfillment in these areas to continue their education and service interests at GC.

Qualified students who demonstrate significant service or involvement in any school, community or church activities and who have maintained a 3.0 grade point ("B") average may apply for the award if not granted other academic scholarships. Examples of service/involvement activities might include – but are not limited to – student government, communication, academic competition, community service, clubs, music, scouting, debate/forensics, athletics, religious activities, theater or committees.

Depending on financial need, the awards will range from $1,000 to $2,500. SIRA is a renewable award, provided the student maintains a 2.8 grade point average.



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Lilly Endowment Inc. grants announced

Christmas came early at GC, with the late-November announcement awarding three major grants, totalling more than $6 million, to GC from Lilly Endowment Inc.

"The future of Indiana – economically, culturally, politically – depends on an educated citizenry working productively in the complex future we all face," said Ralph E. Lundgren, Endowment vice president for education. "We hope these efforts of the Endowment have spurred much concern and discussion and raised the visibility of the issue. Everyone realizes that it will take perseverance and the concerted actions of several sectors of Indiana society to address this problem adequately. But it is worth it."

The largest of the three grants provided $5 million toward the construction of a new music building. The GC Strategic Plan and Campus Master Plan, each adopted by the Board of Overseers in 1995, have identified facilities for music department programs as the college's most pressing physical need. Such a space would provide facilities to match GC's excellent music programs, which this year will include a Chamber Choir performance in New York City's Carnegie Hall. A new building will also allow the music department to offer additional musical opportunities to Indiana K-12 students and to serve the community, hosting concerts by on-campus performers and off-campus guests.

With the intent of helping prepare students for college – and to help them see that college is not only possible, but desirable and necessary – GC received $811,000 for three activities serving kindergarten through 12th grade students. The grant will: a) establish a tutoring and mentoring program for local high school students who are 21st Century Scholars, including summer and weekend programming; b) align hands-on science curriculum at the Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center with the Indiana Science Proficiency Guide, develop a mobile environmental studies lab that will travel to middle and high schools, provide science instruction for home-schooled students in grades 6-12 and science enrichment activities for students in kindergarten through eighth grade; and c) establish a neighborhood music school for low-income children, working collaboratively with local schools, churches and social service agencies and offer pre-college music theory classes for high school juniors and seniors.

From Lilly's religious division, GC received $373,000 for activities related to Amish and Old Order groups of Indiana. It will fund a three-year study of Amish and Old Order communities in Indiana which will lead to several publications, including an interpretive publication geared toward the approximately three million visitors to Elkhart and LaGrange counties each year. In addition, the grant will fund the development of curriculum for elementary school students studying Amish and Old Order groups as part of their studies in Indiana history. Finally, the grant will fund two conferences, one aimed at the future of tourism in areas populated by Amish and one for officials in areas Amish and Old Order groups are moving into.

— Lyle Miller

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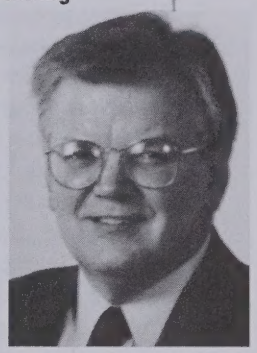
Stuart W. Showalter named director of applied learning



Creating alliances between the classroom and the workplace is more crucial than ever for college students entering the job market near the start of a new century.

As a result, with support from Lilly Endowment Inc., GC has named Stuart W. Showalter as director of applied learning, a position created to make connections between the college's academic departments and Indiana employers offering internships and jobs.

Showalter, professor of communication, will begin the three-year position in July, working with career services in the college's student life division, in cooperation with the Academic Dean's office.

In this new role, Showalter will also work to expand service-learning opportunities for students. In addition, he will help develop career services contacts with Indiana businesses, not-for-profit agencies and church-related institutions.

Showalter, who joined the faculty in 1976, served as chair of the communication department from 1983 to 1996. His tenure at GC also includes service as co-leader of two Study-Service Term units in Haiti in 1981-82 and in the Ivory Coast in 1993; director of information services, 1979-83; and adviser to student publications, 1976-79 and 1982-1996. He holds a bachelor's degree in English from Eastern Mennonite College (1967), a master's degree in journalism from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio (1969), and a doctorate in communication from the University of Texas at Austin (1975).

— Rachel Lapp

GC, Davenport sign agreement

One has the motto "Culture for Service" and the other "Make a Living, Make a Life, Make a Contribution." These two colleges should get along just fine when it comes to helping motivated students earn college degrees.

GC and Davenport College have signed an articulation agreement that will serve students in GC's Degree Completion Programs (DCP) and at Davenport's new branch campus in Goshen and its 13 other campuses.

The articulation agreement allows for Davenport graduates with associate's degrees in management, marketing, business administration, accounting or microcomputer management to transfer to GC's Degree Completion Programs (DCP) in order to complete a bachelor of science degree in organizational management or management information systems.

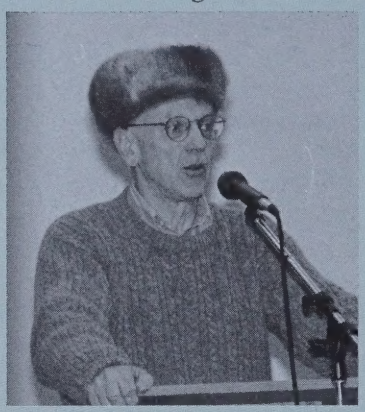
Conversely, DCP students can take Davenport College-sponsored courses to finish the requirements they need to earn enough credits for a bachelor of science degree from GC.

— Rachel Lapp

6,000th GC student departs for SST

Each of the 41 students gathered predawn at the Church-Chapel Jan. 6, received well-wishing, a blessing and a commission:

"When asked where he came from, the ancient philosopher Diogenes said, 'I am a citizen of the world.' The students, faculty, staff and alumni of Goshen College are also citizens of the world," said Provost and Executive Vice President John D. Yordy.



"In any given year, students come from over 30 states and about 30 countries, and from five or six different continents.

"Yet, because of the SST, we can also say we come from all places. For once one has made an extended sojourn into another landscape, another family, another language, another culture, one never comes only from one place again," said Yordy.

The send-off also included recognition of the 30th anniversary year of the SST program and the ceremonial 6,000th student to participate. The name of Sophie Histand (So., Sellersville, Pa.) was drawn out of a hat by SST Director Wilbur Birky and Spanish professor Humberto Perez, a Costa Rican who has given lectures in his country to 80 percent of all SSTers who have studied in his native country. The hat, which Birky is shown wearing, comes from an SST location in China.

"The foundations for SST lie deep in the tradition of GC and our religious heritage and faith," said Yordy. "Through the years, many faculty, staff and alumni have learned, lived and worked in different cultures and different lands; these experiences provided the context for the emergence of SST."

Yordy said SST transformed GC in the late 1960s, "and in the years since then, and it is still transforming us.

"It's like the miracle of the loaves and fishes, which offers us a way to think about the miracle of SST. Today we will celebrate the sending of the 6,000th SSTer and will call this event 'The Feeding of the 6,000.'

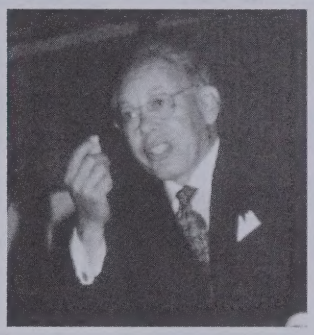
"From this story, we can perhaps draw several parallels about God's love and about God's educational philosophy that will always be as true as it was 2,000 years ago."

Yordy described one such experience, sharing a meal of fish and rice with SST students under a thatched roof on Honduras' southern coast. "On that day, the flavor and freshness of food was extraordinary, and so too were the conversations as we mingled Spanish and English," said Yordy. "There was a sense of gratitude for the opportunity to live and learn in that country. There was a sense of deep gratitude for our lives and for the lives of our Honduran friends.

"It's times like this that 6,000 young people and scores of their professors have become world citizens. This year we rejoice in that miracle and open ourselves to new miracles yet to come."

— Rachel Lapp

Pannell focuses on Jesus' centrality to King



Celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a spirit of hope continued at GC as the campus focused on bringing multiculturalism to the classroom, and welcomed guest speaker William E. Pannell and musicians Tony Brown and Lisa Bergman Jan. 18.

The model for GC's study day format shifted from workshops to an "infusion model" this year, integrating the theme of the study day with disciplines across campus. Professors found various ways of bringing African-American studies to the classroom, from examining the historical impact of African-Americans on the U.S. economy to surveying African-American authors, artists and musicians.

The day began with an address from Pannell, introduced by President Shirley H. Showalter, who first heard Pannell speak when she was a teenager. Showalter said it is fitting that Pannell, a "native son of Michiana" who is now a professor of preaching and practical theology and dean of chapel at Fuller Theological Seminary, was speaking to King's legacy.

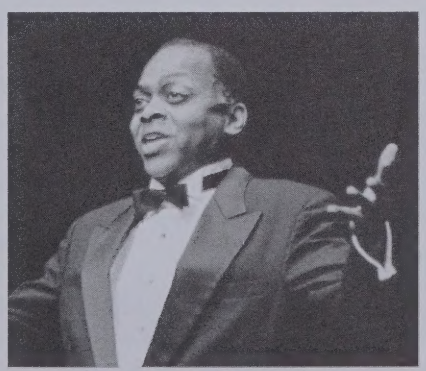
Pannell first focused on King's legacy in the United States. "One great thing about this country is that you can call this country to some lofty stuff, as King did. In his famous 'I Have a Dream' speech, he attempted to hold the nation accountable to the noble goals of its founders," said Pannell. "This African-American man may have saved the integrity of this country more than any man since perhaps Lincoln. If you don't have a voice such as this, the country loses its compass."

King's legacy also extends beyond those places where King marched and spoke, beyond U.S. borders, said Pannell. "In terms of human spirit, Mississippi is right next to Berlin; Selma is adjacent to Tienanmen Square," he said. "King is not ours alone. He belongs to the world."

Throughout his address, Pannell reminded the audience of students, faculty, staff and community members that King's message and dream was rooted in strong religious convictions.

"I remind you this morning to listen for Jesus," said Pannell. "I do not call you to Martin Luther King Jr., but to his Jesus."

Pannell is the author of several books – including *The Coming Race Wars?*, *Evangelism from the Bottom Up* and *My Friend, My Enemy* – and has penned numerous articles on race relations, evangelism and evangelical minority leadership, Black religious history and preaching in contemporary America. He is also a member and past president of the Academy for Evangelism.



Brown '71 and Bergman drew an appreciative crowd for their evening concert of spirituals. The duo began collaborating in 1995. They recently released a recording titled "Anthony Brown, Baritone, Sings Spirituals with Lisa Bergman." They are currently working on a second recording, titled "Embracing American Song."

— Rachel Lapp

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Guests and speakers on campus

- *Arcadia* trio, with Julie Zimmerman, harpsichordist and assistant director of public relations, Afternoon Sabbatical series
- Baltimore Consort, Performing Arts Series
- Father Roy Bourgeois, founder of School of the Americas Watch, Yoder Public Affairs Lecture Series
- Susan Gubar, co-author of *The Madwoman in the Attic* and distinguished professor of English at Indiana University
- Chesapeake, Performing Arts Series
- Rev. Roger Desir, Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Program
- Robert Duke, educational psychologist, Mary K. Gerber Memorial Music Education Workshop
- Paul Keim, Academic Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Afternoon Sabbatical series
- Tim Manickam '82, alumni scholar
- Erica Godshall McClellan '94, pianist, and D. Ray McClellan, clarinetist
- Dr. William Pannell, Tony Brown '71, baritone, and Lisa Bergen, Martin Luther King Jr. Study Day (see left)
- Keith Reinhard, chief executive officer and chairman of DDB Needham Worldwide Inc.
- Wind Quintet, Western Michigan University

Buckets for the Dominican

GC students, faculty and staff responded to Mennonite Central Committee's requests for supplies to aid victims of the fall's hurricane in Central America. In addition to those who participated through local congregations, more than 100 buckets containing personal items were collected on campus.

"I think GC students are concerned about this issue because of the relationships so many of us have with Central America and the people there," said Mandy Yoder (Sr., Goshen), who helped spearhead the efforts. "Because of SST, I think many students see Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Honduras as kinds of second homes."

Pictured with some of the buckets are (from left): Erika Smoker (Sr., Goshen), Dean Rody (Sr., New Haven, Ind.), Tonya Yoder (Jr., Goshen), Armando Rangel (Jr., Goshen), Becky Brown (Sr., Jackson, Ky.) and Betsy Lapp (Jr., West Liberty, Ohio).

Through private donations and a benefit concert by the student group, Raizes, nearly $10,000 was raised for relief efforts.

Class assignment turns into published paper

Rarely does an undergraduate course produce a paper that travels beyond the professor's "in" box; but an assignment from GC's Religion in Culture and Society class was tapped for publication in a national academic journal.

A paper written by Chad Martin '98 titled "Carnival: A Theology of Laughter and Ritual for Social Change" was published in the January 1999 issue of *Worship*, a juried academic journal of liturgy. The paper stemmed from the "revitalizing ritual" assignment in the spring 1998 Religion in Culture and Society class taught by Keith Graber Miller, GC professor of Bible, religion and philosophy.

Martin chose to examine and write about the ritual of "Carnival" that his church, Assembly Mennonite Church of Goshen, has celebrated since 1988. The tradition includes costumes, balloons, donuts, Bible charades and light-hearted fun – an annual church-wide "party."

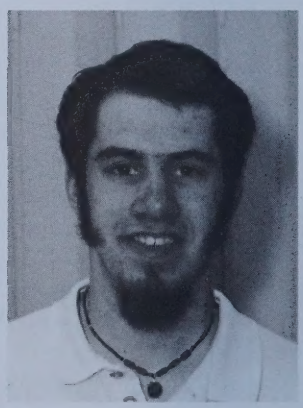
Graber Miller encouraged Martin to submit the paper for publication in *Worship*, even though such journals rarely publish undergraduate work. The paper's specific references to Assembly's Carnival is its strong point, Graber Miller said.

Martin submitted the assignment, and several weeks later received a letter addressed to "Dr. Chad Martin"; the letter announced the journal's acceptance of the paper and suggested only minor revisions.

Said Graber Miller, "It's a real honor for him and for the college to have something published that comes out of one of our undergraduate courses."

Carnival has been celebrated for centuries in connection with the church calendar as a day of parading, charading and merrymaking before the long reflective season of Lent. During Carnival, social norms are abandoned and social class is abolished, revealing people's hidden sides. Today, Brazilians celebrate the world's largest Carnival celebration, and the popularity of Mardi Gras in New Orleans proves Carnival's importance in U.S. popular culture.

Theogically, the Carnival concept can be very important to the church, Martin wrote in the published paper. "We all have another self besides what we generally present Sunday morning," he said. "Carnival is a comfortable space to expose with laughter things that we're embarrassed about or scared of."



In his study of the longstanding Christian ritual holiday, Carnival, Martin realized role reversals, such as those experiences in Carnival, are opportunities to spur social change when "socially oppressed groups come into the limelight." It also provides rejuvenation amid the stresses of peace activism for Martin, who was an active member of GC's peace club, Pax, throughout his college years. "If you're writing political letters and toting signs 24 hours a day, seven days a week, you're going to flip out."

— Tim Godshall and Rachel Lapp

Students make Chicago their classroom

Brad Bergey (Sr., Hatfield, Pa.) and Seth Chamberlain (Sr., Oconomowoc, Wis.) made Chicago their classroom and home during the fall semester with the Urban Life Center program by exploring their future career and a multitude of other issues in the nation's third largest city.

But perhaps the most demanding classrooms both faced were those at Kenwood Academy and John Hope Academy. Bergey and Chamberlain chose to complete the GC education major requirements in Chicago with the Urban Life Center student teaching program. Even more exciting than the lessons they prepared for their students were the lessons they learned in return.

Said Bergey, "By student teaching, you get to check out four years of learning and put it into practice. It was the best picture I've had yet of what teaching will be like." At Kenwood, Bergey taught U.S history, both regular and honors, and acted as an assistant coach for the Academic Decathlon Team.

Chamberlain, who taught social studies and Spanish to seventh- and eighth-graders at John Hope, said, "I gained confidence in my abilities to prepare and implement lessons as well as to do classroom management," he said. "Now I also have an understanding of how the Chicago Public School system functions."

Having fulfilled their college requirements, both Bergey and Chamberlain are now planning to investigate teaching opportunities. And although neither plan on returning immediately to Chicago, the lessons they learned in the city will not soon be forgotten.

— Jen Patterson, Special Projects Coordinator, Urban Life Center

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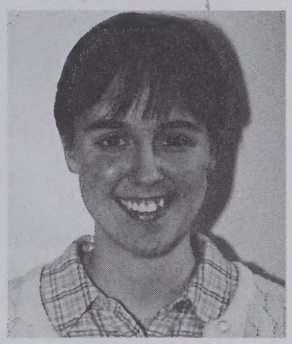
Chupp takes top honors in C. Henry Smith speech contest



Illustrating society's preoccupation with war by using quotes from an unexpected source, Amy Chupp (Fr., Wayland, Iowa) urged speaking out against U.S. government policy in Iraq in a speech that won top honors in the C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest.

Chupp's speech, titled "War, Peace and Mark Twain," received $125 for her top entry. She and five other GC students delivered their addresses to an audience of more than 150 students, faculty and community members.

An extended excerpt of Chupp's speech was reprinted in the Jan. 21 issue of the *Record*, the student newspaper, and can be found on-line at www.goshen.edu/record/1998-99/1-21/persp.html.

Elizabeth C. Miller (Sr., Harleysville, Pa.) took second place with a speech titled, "Of Racism and Purple Tea." Timothy Kennel (Jr., Harrisonburg, Va.) earned third place for "Deconstructing the Progressive Dream: A Vision for the Present."

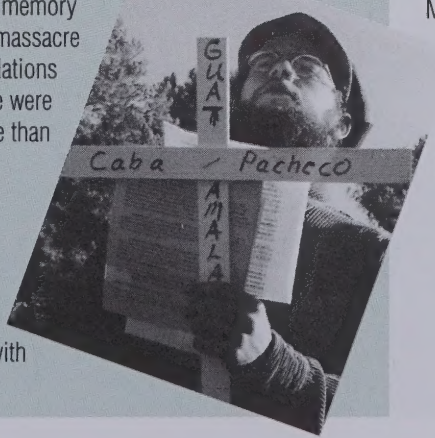
Also participating in the contest were Peter Scott (Sr., Scottdale, Pa.), "Discerning Our News: Gathering Information in a Biased Media"; Gaurav Khandelwal (So., Calcutta, India), "Swastika: The True Meaning"; and Jason Lehman (Jr., Bristol, Ind.), "J2K – A Big Solution to a Big Problem (But Not the Computer One): Jubilee 2000."

— Rachel Lapp

Students participate in SOA protest

GC students joined a November national prayer vigil and protest against the United States Army School of the Americas (SOA), located at Fort Benning, Ga. The event is organized by the School of the Americas Watch, a group dedicated to closing the U.S. government-sponsored facility.

The GC students and others traveled to Columbus, Ga., where they joined more than 4,000 individuals lobbying the U.S. Congress to close SOA. The event is held annually in memory of a brutal massacre of Jesuits in El Salvador nine years ago; the United Nations found that 17 of the 23 officers guilty of the massacre were graduates of the SOA. SOA Watch has identified more than 600 human rights abusers in Latin America who are graduates of the SOA.



Pax Club, a student peace organization, planned the GC contingent's participation. Students from Michigan State University, Lansing, Mich., the University of Notre Dame (Ind.) and the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind., traveled with the Pax group.

Chamber Choir to make debut solo appearance in Carnegie Hall

The GC Chamber Choir will make perhaps its most prestigious debut to date when it performs a solo concert in New York City's Carnegie Hall, and many alumni, parents and friends will travel there with the college relations department to support them.

Chamber choir director Doyle Preheim, GC professor of music, said his 41-member ensemble will also join in a mass collegiate choir for a second performance directly after its solo concert at 1 p.m. on Palm Sunday, March 28.

The Chamber Choir's solo performance, a prelude to the mass choir concert, will include a composition by Lee Dengler, a voice instructor at GC and a minister of music at College Mennonite Church, as well as various sacred works, from the classics to spirituals and folk hymns.

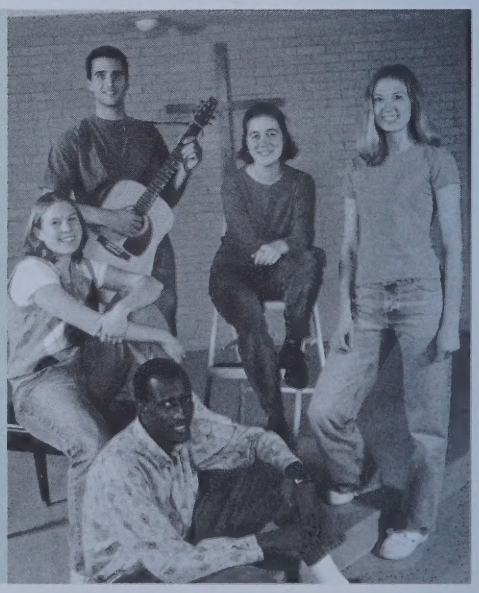
"It is a special privilege to do a solo concert in Carnegie Hall, considered one of the six best concert halls in the world. The students are very excited and are putting a lot of energy into preparation," said Preheim. The choir was selected to perform a solo concert through a competitive process that began a year ago; though other schools have participated in mass choirs at the renowned hall, only a handful have been asked to perform on their own.

The bus trip to New York offered by College Relations is full. Lodging, *Ragtime* tickets and sightseeing tours are no longer available through College Relations. However, you may order individual tickets for the choir performance at Carnegie Hall by calling Carnegie Charge at (212) 247-7800 or you may purchase tickets at the box office.

Worship teams travel over spring break

Spring break meant travel for two worship teams. Traveling to points east was Sojourners, pictured below, with Shawn Gerber (Sr., North Canton, Ohio), Rachel Springer (Jr., Carlisle, Pa.), Ryan Good (Jr., Washington, D.C.), Deborah Rohrer (Fr., Leola, Pa.) and Nisha Thyle (So., Mussoorie, India).

Heading to the west coast was Expressions, pictured at right, with Heidi Foss (Fr., Tiskilwa, Ill.), Eliot Friesen (Fr., Goshen), Elijah Metekai (So.),Ngong-Hills, Kenya), Jodi Hochstedler (Jr., Kalona, Iowa) and Liz Lewis (Jr., Ibb, Yemen).



Fall athletes continue outstanding academic tradition

Seven student-athletes were named to NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete teams for the fall season. The group represented five of GC's seven fall sports teams, and has the potential of being one of the largest scholar-athlete groups in GC history. The men's and women's tennis squads will be nominating athletes for the award this spring.

With five, the men's soccer squad had more scholar-athletes than any team in the country. Allen Bohnert (Sr., Lombard, Ill.), Jon Hartzler (Sr., Goshen), Steve Miller (Sr., LaGrange, Ind.), Nate Pletcher (Jr., Middlebury, Ind.) and Jason Rupp (Sr., Goshen), all received the honor.

Kathy Glick Miller (Sr., Millersburg, Ohio) rounded out her volleyball career with her second straight scholar-athlete award. Kate Willems (Sr., Niles, Mich.) and Jen Rice (Sr., Peoria, Ariz.) were other spikers to receive the award, making the volleyball squad one of the most highly honored in the country.

Grant Rissler (Sr., Front Royal, Va.) earned his second selection in men's cross country.

With four, GC had more student-athletes earning 4.00 grade point averages than any other institution in the country.

To receive an All-America Scholar-Athlete award, juniors and seniors must maintain at least a 3.50 cumulative GPA and be a member of the varsity squad.

Men's basketball

After opening the 1998-99 campaign with a 4-6 record, the men's basketball team stormed back by winning six of seven games before the start of the Mid-Central College Conference schedule in January. GC won six straight before dropping a five-point loss to Bluffton (Ohio) College. they ended the season at 18-16. Six of GC's losses were decided by six points or less.

Ben Johnson (Jr., Middlebury, Ind.) led the team in scoring at more than 18 points per game. Todd Janes (Fr., Middlebury, Ind.) averaged 12 and Mark Landes (Sr., West Liberty, Ohio) 10. Landes led the team in rebounding at eight and Matt Littleton (Jr., Remington, Ind.) topped the team in assists.

Landes finished with a career record in field goal percentage. Paul Gayler (Sr., Attica, Ind.) set records in career free throws made and attempted.

Women's basketball

After winning only 11 games in all of the 1997-98 season, the women's basketball team opened this season with eight straight wins – the second longest winning streak in GC history – and went on to a 17-10 record, the second highest win total in school history.

During the season, GC was rated in all seven of the NAIA's team statistical categories, and several individuals were among the national leaders.

Rachel Smith (Sr., Wellman, Iowa) led the team in scoring and rebounding, with 18 points and 10 rebounds per game. Her 454 points was the second-best season total in GC history, and the 906 points in her two-year career at GC moved her to eighth on the career scoring list. She also finished in the top five in career rebounding.

Kris Johnson (So., Fortville, Ind.) and Krysten Parson (Fr., Indianapolis) each averaged 13 points and Amanda Bachman (Jr., Akron, Ohio) added 11. Parson topped the team in assists. Smith set a school record in field goal percentage and Johnson did the same in 3-point percentage.

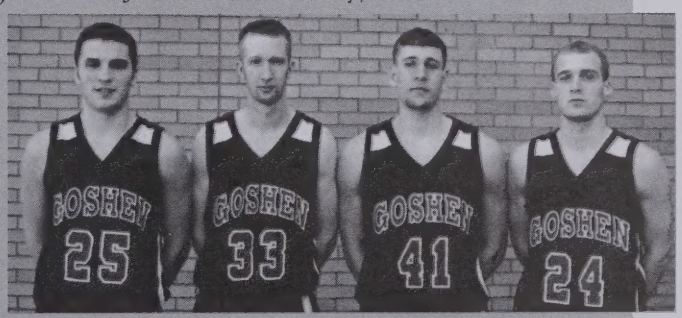
Men's and women's indoor track and field

Three members of the GC track and field teams capped strong indoor seasons by competing in the NAIA National Championships in Lincoln, Neb. Kurtis Baumgartner (So., Millersburg, Ind.) placed 15th in the 400-meter dash with a time of 51.09 seconds and 23rd in the 200 at 23.16. Clint Borntrager (Jr., Goshen) was 20th in the 35-pound weight throw with an effort of 44 feet, 4 inches. Katie App (So., Bristol, Ind.) was 24th in the long jump at 16-2½.

— Chris Chamberlin.

Four's company in 1,000-point club

Seniors Paul Gayler (Attica, Ind.), Nate Trueblood (Fowler, Ind.), Mark Landes (West Liberty, Ohio) added another chapter to their storied GC basketball careers by reaching the 1,000-point mark this season. They were joined in the club by junior Ben Johnson (Middlebury, Ind.).



Landes finished the season with 1,348, fifth on GC's career scoring list. Trueblood finished 10th at 1,107, while Gayler ended the season at 1,082 and Johnson 1,059.

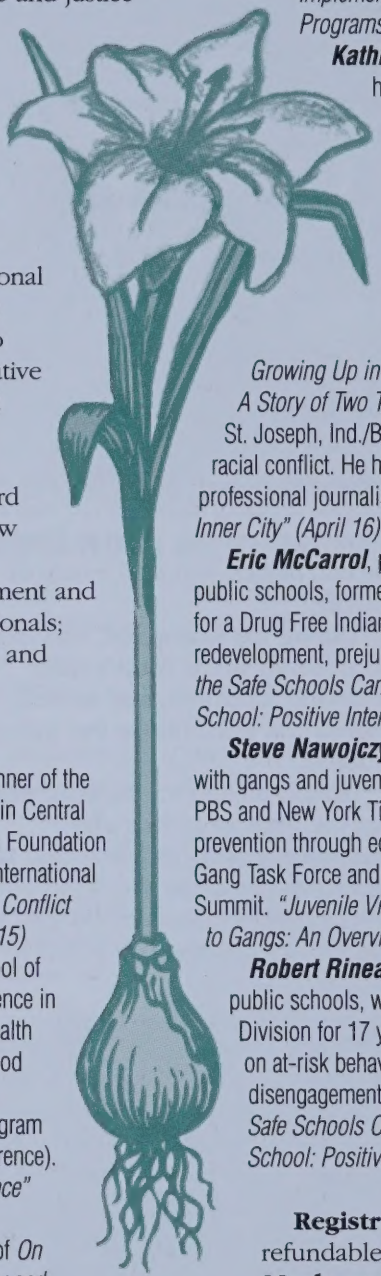
This is the first time in GC history, and just the 35th time in college basketball history, that four members of the same team have reached 1,000 career points in the same season. The three seniors have also etched their names into 21 season and career records along with becoming GC's winningest basketball class and leading the Maple Leafs to a record-setting 19 wins in 1996-97.

Violence prevention conference draws on values, national movement

As a part of both a geographical community and a global church, GC will draw on its tradition in peace and justice leadership to be a voice of hope, teaching that violence does not have to be an inevitable reality.

GC, with support from Lilly Endowment Inc., is organizing a conference, "Replacing Fear with Hope: Violence Prevention in Our Communities," to examine the presence of violence in schools, neighborhoods and communities; create professional and institutional opportunities for problem-solving; encourage citizens and professionals to work together to recognize, respond to and engage in cooperative violence prevention efforts; and work toward violence-free communities.

The conference, set for April 15-17, is designed for educators, including school board members; government officials; health and law enforcement professionals; graduate and undergraduate students; community development and social service workers; justice system professionals; church leaders and lay members; counselors; and parents.



Speakers include:

Oscar Arias, former president of Costa Rica and winner of the 1987 Nobel Peace Prize for initiating peace negotiations in Central America. With the award money, he established the Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress. He is a member of the International Negotiation Network. *Keynote: "Violence Prevention and Conflict Transformation at the Edge of a New Millennium" (April 15)*

Deborah Prothrow-Stith, Harvard University School of Public Health, considered the foremost authority on violence in society. She authored *Deadly Consequences*, a public health perspective on violence. She is developing a neighborhood anti-violence guide and is featured in "Partnerships for Preventing Violence," a nationally broadcast training program (the third part of the series will be broadcast at the conference). *Keynote: "Peace by Piece: Preventing Community Violence" (April 16)*

David Grossman, army lieutenant colonel, author of *On Killing: The Psychological Cost of Learning to Kill in War and Society*. An observer of the desensitizing methods used to train soldiers, he has written about the parallel effects of mass media that similarly condition children. A military science professor, he was involved in debriefing the Jonesboro, Ark., school murders. *Keynote: "Lessons from the Battlefield: Vietnam and Jonesboro" and "Lessons from the Battlefield: Healing the Wounds" (April 17)*

Thomas Fowler-Finn, superintendent of Fort Wayne (Ind.) Public Schools, initiator of a community-based strategic planning process and model programs in conflict mediation, student assistance and nontraditional education. A former teacher and principal, he coordinated the first education summit for mayors and superintendents. *"For Safety Sake: Building Coalitions Between Schools and Communities" and "Proactive Violence Prevention in Schools: A Focus on the Implementation of Conflict Resolution and Peer Mediation Programs" (April 16)*

Kathleen Galbraith, M.D., has worked in numerous healthcare settings. A member of both the American and Indiana Medical Associations, she speaks to how health care professionals can help break the cycle of violence, stressing the importance of noting the signs and cycles of abuse. *"Domestic Violence: The Role of Physicians & Other Health Professionals in Breaking the Cycle" (April 16)*

Alex Kotlowitz, award-winning author of *There Are No Children Here: The Story of Two Boys Growing Up in the Other America* and *The Other Side of the River: A Story of Two Towns, a Death and America's Dilemma*, based on a St. Joseph, Ind./Benton Harbor, Mich.-area murder that underscored racial conflict. He has spent 15 years reporting on race and poverty as a professional journalist. *"Breaking the Silence: Growing Up in Today's Inner City" (April 16)*

Eric McCarrol, professional conflict mediator in the Fort Wayne public schools, former associate director of the Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana. He speaks on urban issues, community redevelopment, prejudice reduction and cultural diversity. *"Proactivity in the Safe Schools Campaign" and "Preventing Racial Tension Within the School: Positive Intervention in Gang Disputes" (April 16)*

Steve Nawojczyk, authority on gang culture and psychology, work with gangs and juvenile violence featured on NPR, CBS "This Morning," PBS and New York Times. His solution to violence is intervention and prevention through education. He has served with the Arkansas Youth Gang Task Force and the National Education Association School Safety Summit. *"Juvenile Violence: Symptoms and Solutions" and "Introduction to Gangs: An Overview" (April 16)*

Robert Rinearson, professional conflict mediator for Fort Wayne public schools, worked with the Department of Correction's Juvenile Division for 17 years. He has written articles on teen crime; speaks on at-risk behaviors, gang and cult awareness; and works with gang disengagement, anger management and violence. *"Proactivity in the Safe Schools Campaign" and "Preventing Racial Tension Within the School: Positive Intervention in Gang Disputes" (April 16)*

Registration fee: $20, $10 for students (non-refundable); enrollment limited to 500.

Meals on site: Additional; morning and afternoon break food provided.

Lodging: Conference attendees will make individual lodging arrangements.

For seminar descriptions, accommodation lists and registration information: Call (219) 535-7566 or e-mail joannp@goshen.edu; find out more about the conference on the web at www.goshen.edu/peace

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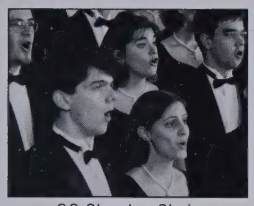
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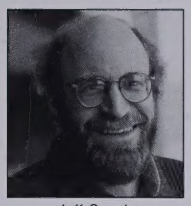
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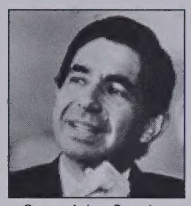
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Sweet Honey in the Rock

March

March 9 Afternoon Sabbatical: "Women and Money: On Minding Your Business," Visiting Assistant Professor of Business Joyce Bontrager Lehman, 1 p.m., Church-Chapel Fellowship Hall.

March 10-21 12 Days of Prayer

March 14 Concert: GC Chamber Choir. 7 p.m., Church-Chapel.

March 19-21, 26-28 Spring mainstage play: "The Boys Next Door." 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday. Umble Center. Also part of Performing Arts Series.

March 28 Concert: GC Chamber Choir at Carnegie Hall. GC prelude concert, 1 p.m.; Mass choir concert, 2 p.m. See also page 30.

April

April 7 C. Henry Smith Lecture: "Depression, Silence and Mennonite Margins," by Jeff Gundy professor at Bluffton College. 7:30 p.m., Newcomer Center 19.

April 11 Opening reception for "Senior Exhibitions." 2-4 p.m., Art Gallery. On exhibit through April 24.

April 13 Afternoon Sabbatical Luncheon: Indonesia, with Stan and Janet Reedy. Call for reservations.

April 15-17 Conference: "Replacing Fear with Hope: Violence Prevention in Our Communities." See page 32. Call for registration materials.

April 15 Oscar Arias Sanchez, Nobel Peace Prize winner and former president of Costa Rica, as part of Yoder Public Affairs Lecture Series and keynote speaker for the violence prevention conference, 8 p.m.
Dinner with Sanchez, 6 p.m., both in Church-Chapel.

May

May 1-2 SST 30th Anniversary Grand Finale
Ethnic Fair 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Reunions 3-5 p.m.
Sweet Honey in the Rock 8 p.m.
See page 13 for weekend schedule.

May 2 Opening reception for "Student Exhibitions." 2-4 p.m., Art Gallery. On exhibit though May 19.

May 21 "Commencement Show" opens in Art Gallery. On exhibit through May 23.

May 22-23 Commencement activities
Saturday
1:30 p.m., Senior nurses' pinning ceremony, Church-Chapel.
2-5 p.m., Informal departmental gatherings.
7:30 p.m., Senior class program, Church-Chapel.
8:45 p.m., President's reception for graduates and families, Church-Chapel Fellowship Hall.
Sunday
11 a.m., Baccalaureate, Church-Chapel.
3 p.m., 101st Commencement, Roman Gingerich Recreation-Fitness Center. Speaker: Guatemalan poet Julia Esquivel.

June

June 12 Class of 2003 Registration Day

June 14-17 Piano Workshop

June 20-25 VISION Camp

July

July 11-16 Computer Camp

July 19-23 Soccer Camp

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More With Less

by President Shirley H. Showalter

We can literally do more with less. It is rarely what we do or how much we do that tires us now; it is our mind-set in relationship to what we do.

—Jennifer James, *Thinking in the Future Tense*

Many people ask me, "Where do you want Goshen College to be five years from now?"

My first answers to this question are qualitative. Rather than use numbers, I use metaphors: the body of Christ, a resonant space, "fair heights we cannot see" and the scattered and gathered college "ever singing." I believe the first job of the leader is to be transparent to the Spirit and the human imagination. If language and action come, the numbers will follow. The numbers this semester have exceeded our hopes in every category – retention, quality and quantity of applications and contributions have all increased significantly. A team of hard-working administrators and faculty deserve enormous credit and have earned my deep gratitude.

Our strategic plan focuses on principles and priorities more than numbers. Our first priority is to clarify and publicize our identity as an Anabaptist-Mennonite college. Next year will be a time of special emphasis on identity issues. We invite all 23,000 of you who receive this publication to offer ideas and suggestions to us and to follow our progress.

One of the principles integral to contemporary Anabaptist life is living "more with less." Our history taught us frugality since persecution often brought separation from the larger society. Later, we learned generosity from the poor we went to serve in other lands. What makes the sacrifice of "less" possible is the joy of "more."

At GC, we want to be more than an affordable college. We are happy to be in every edition of Barron's *Best Buys in College Education*, but what we really want to be is the best *value* among American national liberal arts colleges.

Value is a meaningless concept apart from *values*. Values wither and die when they lose contact with their source. When we can demonstrate connections between classroom and residence hall values, eternal verities and postmodernism, and ambition and humility, we touch our deep source.

Every Tuesday and most Thursdays during the first two months of this year I join twenty GC students in my Literature of Spiritual Reflection and Social Action class. Recently guest lecturer Mary Eleanor Bender, professor emerita of French, invited us to think of our classroom as "sacred space" and then led us on a journey through some of her favorite texts. She told us the truth about her life, as she learned it through reading and suffering and discovering grace. She deliberately made herself less, so that we could know more.

There is a mathematical elegance in the highest intellectual and spiritual economies. When we see "less" become "more" before our very eyes, we stop calculating the risk. We take the leap. When one transparent soul leaps, others want to leap also. I experienced that miracle in the flesh that day. So did my students.

To get more from less, we must not scorn the numbers; we must instead see something beyond them. The artist Charles Demuth understood this vision. His 1928 painting "I Saw the Figure 5 in Gold" illustrates this idea. Based on a poem by Demuth's friend William Carlos Williams, this painting depicts the number 5 on the side of a red fire wagon speeding into the night of the city. It uses the visionary language "I saw" of Revelation. It exalts the cardinal number 5 – because it is both a number and numinous – full of gold and light as it heads into darkness. To paraphrase William Carlos Williams, when idea and thing become one, then less also becomes more.

More with less – sounds like a good five-year plan to me.

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Make a Joyful Noise

Stranded with Harry and John (and Bill?)

The game is familiar to many of us: if stranded on a desert island, what three recordings would you want along?

For me, would it be Harry Chapin, who taught a valuable lesson about parenting in "Cats in the Cradle"? Would I want an arrangement of Pachelbel's "Canon in D" to evoke memories of my wedding? How about a collection of the great hymns of the church which, perhaps unbeknownst to her, my mother taught me as she hummed while sewing and cooking? If so, "It is well with my soul" and "In the sweet, by and by" would have to be included. And could I decide which John Denver CD is my favorite?

Your list would be different, but my hunch is that we'd agree on one thing: few things touch us like music. The right music, at the right time, can take us to another place and another feeling like few other things can. At the movies, the soundtrack sets the scene and heightens emotion. During worship, music can transcend time and space in praise, lament and confession. In many ways, music indeed serves as a window to the soul, as the GC music department's mission statement suggests.

As a student at GC, I took no music courses beyond general education. I've been in choirs, but, unfortunately, I've never learned to play an instrument. However, music still plays an important role in my life, whether singing in church, as accompaniment when I work or drive, in support of the commercial messages I hear on the radio or the tunes that run through my head throughout the day. No matter where we fall on the spectrum of musical talent, performance interest and appreciation, it is an ever-present gift.

GC's music department says it like this:

> "The music department at Goshen College is dedicated to the cultivation of excellence in the areas of musical *performance, pedagogy and scholarship*. As a ministry of the Mennonite Church, we believe musical expression is *a human manifestation of the divine creative impulse* and, as such, *serves as a window to the individual soul, a bridge between human beings* and *a means of corporate religious experience*."

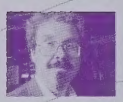
The words above provide a framework for looking at GC music making. The italicized words also provide the framework for talking about seven musicians related to GC. In the following pages, you'll read about them, along with a background essay about music here and the beginning of conversations about meeting GC's most pressing facilities need.

In closing, this issue is dedicated to two music makers with GC connections: Robert Shaw and Bill Crofut, both of whom passed away recently. With his chorale, Shaw visited campus on several occasions, and several alumni and faculty have performed in his choirs, most recently at his funeral service. In travels in Mennonite circles, he spoke warmly of the church's singing tradition.

Crofut performed on campus about a dozen times – recording on three occasions. He was scheduled to return for Alumni Weekend last November, but cancer treatment prevented him from coming; Chris Brubeck and his friends performed admirably on short notice in Bill's absence. Bill's appreciation for GC is evident in correspondence with Rich Gerig, GC's vice president for enrollment, who developed a close relationship with Crofut over two decades.

Come to think of it, Crofut's "The Goshen Concert" album wouldn't be a bad choice on that island either.

Lyle Miller



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. . . Lift up your voice and with us sing

"The concert was an emotional one, in part because of an unexpected sense of community in the world-famous performance hall."

Chapel service hymn sings are a blending of harmony and chaos. Before the final chord of one song completely dies, another chorus begins – this one decidedly unharmonious – as participants shout out the number of their favorite song.

This time "64" wins out, and the student songleader asks the crowd to turn to "Asithi: Amen," number 64 in *Hymnal: A Worship Book.*

Soon to follow will be many others – "All things bright and beautiful" to "Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing." With piano accompaniment or without, from memory or reading note by note, the crowd of several hundred students, staff and current and former faculty members sings its parts without reservation.

Music is essential to GC's timeless – though continuously evolving – sense of unity and collective spirit. For some, it is part of religious memory; for others, a new tradition. Music brings us together in worship, allows us to explore a range of skills and emotions, reminds us of our heritage, gives voice to our praise and concerns and allows us to "make a joyful noise."

One of the most joyous moments in his 25-year history in music at GC happened to Professor of Music Doyle Preheim on Palm Sunday as he watched the faces of 41 Chamber Choir members preparing to debut in front of 1,000 guests at Carnegie Hall: of all the music that weekend, the choir's solo concert was the most moving to him.

"Seeing the kids walk out on stage at Carnegie Hall and watching their faces as we started the first number was immensely satisfying," said Preheim. "Their eyes widened as they realized, 'This place sounds wonderful.' And it inspired them to give their best concert of the year."

Nearly 200 alumni, parents and friends attended that concert. The applause for the choir – especially after they sang "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," better known as "606" in the *Mennonite Hymnal* – was "thunderous" according to President Shirley H. Showalter.

Senior alto Anne Horst said the concert was an emotional one, in part because of an unexpected sense of community in the world-famous performance hall. "When we left the stage, there were lots of hugs; we felt a lot of support from the audience, especially from the GC people who were there – that added something more."

Music is so much a part of GC life and interest that 50 people boarded a bus in Indiana and Ohio to make the New York trip; many others made special trips as well, hinting at the cultural and spiritual nature of music and GC.

About a month later, "606" would again provide a moment for exploring GC's deep and dynamic

GC music by the numbers

59 vs. 38: Music majors in 1998-99 vs. 1994-95

153: Students enrolled in music department majors courses

110: Students enrolled in applied music (voice and instrument)

41: Chamber choir members

60: Chorale members

40: Orchestra members

35: Wind ensemble members

146: 1997-98 production of Mozart's *The Magic Flute* participants

21: Opera workshop participants

52: Concerts on campus this year

7: Songs sung at Carnegie Hall

8: Hymn sings in Chapel in 1998-99

167: Students enrolled in piano and strings preparatory programs

16: GC students teaching in piano and strings preparatory programs

80: Hours in a typical week in which musical activities are happening in the Arts Building

19: Instruments in which instruction is offered.

connection to music when nearly 1,400 campus and community members gathered to hear the mesmerizing female a cappella group Sweet Honey in the Rock perform in the Union.

During the first half, the performers said they felt the energy of and appreciation from audience members through vigorous and sustained applause. Then, after intermission, came an offering in kind: Professor Emerita of Music Mary K. Oyer was cheered to the stage, and then lifted her arms to indicate that the audience should stand to sing. What was unsurprising to the audience – that "606" would be performed powerfully, with all the parts in perfect harmony – was unexpected by Sweet Honey. Said Bernice Johnson Reagon, the group's esteemed founder, "I learned to sing in church, and I want to say how utterly moving it was to hear this *a capella* tradition. I'm so grateful you made this offering to us."

Here in this place

The word "community" is often used to describe small campuses or church institutions where familiarity is valued; but here, that music supports and enhances corporate life – creates community – cannot be understated. Where would Goshen College, "ever singing," be without music?

Chair of the music department and a faculty member since 1972, Preheim has had more than 25 years to observe the role of music at the college. "At GC we often speak of community, and one of the ways we experience community most deeply is in our singing together, whether it be singing in a choir or hymn singing in chapel," he said.

"Community is also experienced in playing in the orchestra or in a wind ensemble," Preheim continued. "As long as we view ourselves as a community, music will always be an important expression of that 'togetherness.' By its nature, music requires us to 'harmonize' as fellow human beings."

Music students and faculty regularly incorporate their study and their spiritual life as a means of worship, either on a very personal level or in group settings through their participation in chapel, All-Campus Worship and the Evening Song & Prayer, the Taizé-style worship service.

Over the past year and a half, attendance at chapel hymn sings has swelled; students, music department personnel, retired music professors and campus guests have led 500 to 700 campus members in rousing renditions of their favorite church songs.

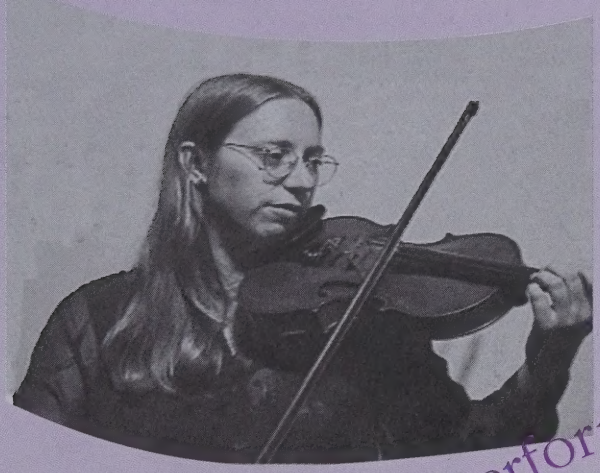
Last year, two students initiated a hymn sing with a twist: in shifts, a

group would sing through the entire hymnal. In 36 hours over four days, they sang every song in Hymnal: A Worship Book. The spirit continued during the fall of this school year when a Kulp Hall balcony was the site of weekly sing-alongs, weather permitting.

Each year, 200 students – music and nonmusic majors alike, making up about one-fifth of the student body – participate in music-related activities; music classes and applied music opportunities have expanded with participation from nonmusic majors, and students have added music minors to every major from business to art to Bible and religion.

"It is important that the department serves the wider campus by providing opportunities for all students to improve their skills through private lessons and to participate in campus ensembles," said Preheim. "We are extremely pleased at the number of nonmusic students who elect to be involved in the various classes and applied music opportunities we offer."

A new instrumental group was also initiated last fall by the music



...excellence in performance...

Nicole Frances Lerch '81

Like many musicians, Nicole Frances Lerch combines performance with teaching. Unlike most musicians, her performance is in a leadership position with a national symphony.

Since 1985 she has played with the Brazilian Symphony Orchestra and is currently assistant principal of the second violins and adjunct professor of violin at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. "In the second violin section there are two principals and two assistants," she said. "We trade off so as not to always be in the hot seat."

In her role, Lerch is often called upon to serve as a substitute principal when a principal has a conflicting performance. That teamwork is emblematic of the entire orchestra, she said. "I am part of the second violin section, which has its own particular function in the string group, which in turn has its function as part of the orchestra as a whole."

She met her husband, José, while studying for her master's degree in violin at Boston University, got married and decided to live in Brazil. "When I first came to Brazil I spoke very little Portuguese, but after one month I started playing in the Brazilian Symphony Orchestra," she said. She played with the symphony for a year and a half before tendonitis forced her to quit. After recovering, she played in the Municipal Theater Orchestra for a time, left Brazil and then returned. She reauditioned and joined the Brazilian Symphony in 1994.

While her tendonitis healed, Lerch studied Portuguese and read about Shinichi Suzuki, the Japanese violin teacher. "I love his philosophy about teaching and about life."

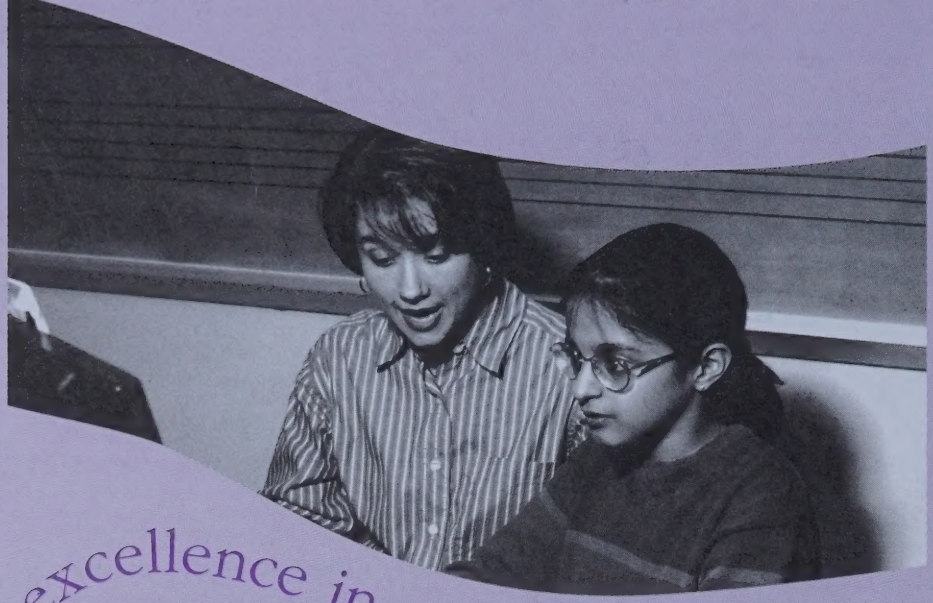
She also started to teach violin to children. After two years she had 45 private students, mostly children, of all nationalities: Japanese, American, English and Brazilian. "Music really is an international language that can cross cultural boundaries," she said.

How does she know if she's performed well? "I know I have given an excellent performance when I was so well prepared technically and musically that I was able to let myself go and enjoy it and share it with my audience," she said. "The technical and musical part has to be studied and prepared beforehand so it can be automatic, otherwise the letting go can't happen."

The butterflies that come with anticipating a concert are normal – even helpful. "If I am a little nervous it is the best," she said, "because I can convert it to a positive force to jump to a level where my concentration is better and I am more alive."

Before a performance, she uses relaxation exercises to improve her concentration, but a mistake-free concert is not necessarily an excellent performance, she said. "An excellent performance has to have life, a spark, you could say something divine." The result is a feeling that "has something to do with love and beauty, something that gives meaning to life, that makes life worth living and music worth playing. Maybe it is God letting me know He's there."

— John D. Yoder



... excellence in pedagogy ...

Monica Hochstedler '93

Monica Hochstedler is quick to point out that what she learned about teaching piano at GC is the basis for her present pedagogy. But her development didn't stop when she walked across the commencement stage. Rather, from that foundation, her thinking about teaching has continued to evolve.

"I have come to realize more and more that pedagogy is learning the art of teaching," she said. "There is much more to teaching music and piano than delivery and interaction with a student, though these elements are important. Diagnosing learning styles, brainstorming, creating, evaluating both yourself and the student, critiquing gracefully, listening objectively and empowering the student are but a few elements necessary to be a good teacher."

Hochstedler juggles teaching and administration as associate director of the Piano Preparatory Department at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, where she also lectures in piano pedagogy. She teaches pre-college group piano classes and private lessons, mentors and supervises pedagogy graduate students in their teaching internship in the preparatory department and teaches undergraduate class piano to nonkeyboard music majors. Next year she will assume the directorship of the SMU program.

The most recent stimulus to her teaching was a Dalcroze Workshop at SMU last summer. "Dalcroze is a method of teaching music through eurhythmics (movement), solfège (using do, re, mi, etc.) and improvisation," she explained.

After graduating from GC, Hochstedler taught music in grades K-3 in Elkhart, Ind. In 1984 she was interim director of GC's Piano Preparatory Department. From 1995 to 1997, she taught piano at the New School for Music Study, Princeton, N.J., as part of her graduate school assistantship. She was assistant music director at Montgomery United Methodist Church in Belle Meade, N.J., in 1996-97 and received her master's degree in piano performance and piano pedagogy from Westminster Choir College of Rider University in 1997.

Each of these building blocks helped shape her teaching style, said Hochstedler. "I now spend more time and energy preparing concepts and new elements in music before introducing them, especially in rhythm," she said. "Movement activities are especially important. Embodying sound and rhythm allows students to internalize musical elements before reading them. Through careful preparation, the introduction of notation and musical symbols becomes linked with a sound and bodily feel."

— John D. Yoder

department; Michael Harley, assistant professor of music, directs the campus' Wind Ensemble. Like the GC Orchestra, both music majors and minors as well as instrumentalists across many disciplines joined the group.

"In the history of the Mennonite Church, instrumental music has played a smaller role than vocal music," said Harley, who hopes to add to the solid reputation of instrumental music on campus by offering this genre of music. Himself a 1994 GC graduate who played in numerous ensembles, Harley was pleased with the size of the group in its first year, having recruited "closet" wind players to fill out the group.

Throughout the history of the college, music has also provided a vehicle for bridging GC to the broader Mennonite Church. Vocal ensembles have often been the most visible student representatives of Goshen College, from the Rambler Quartet of the second decade of the century to the *a capella* groups Red Earth and Random Silence that toured churches throughout the

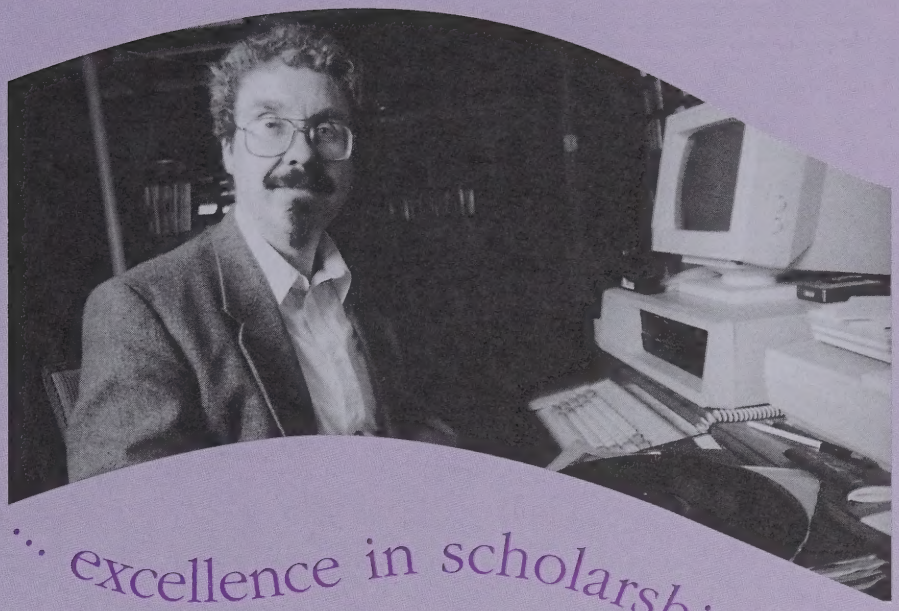
country five years ago.

In the latter half the 1970s and throughout the '80s, the GC Jazz Band also drew large crowds on campus and traveled for performances in churches and schools, where they were well received.

Music is a friendly aspect of the college's relationship with the surrounding community. Between 60 and 70 public performances are held each year, including orchestra, jazz, wind and chamber ensembles, choir concerts and instrumental and vocal recitals.

In November, more than 800 campus and community members heard the orchestra with Professor of Music Marvin Blickenstaff perform Beethoven's "Concert No. 5" or "Eroica," as part of the 1998-99 Performing Arts Series. A popular campus program that drew 400 season ticket holders this year, the Performing Arts Series is a revival of the spirit of the Lecture-Music Series GC sponsored under various names for nearly 80 years, a series that brought musicians such as Marion Anderson, the Mitchell Trio, Doc Watson, the Vienna Boys Choir, the Trapp Family Singers, the Robert Shaw Chorale and many other headliners to campus.

The piano and strings preparatory programs of the music department have also been an important link to the local community. Currently, 85 precollege students are part of the



... excellence in scholarship ...

David Breckbill '79

Sometimes scholarship can seem far removed from the practical world, or even the college classroom. That's not the case in the work of David Breckbill, visiting assistant professor at Doane College in Crete, Neb.

Earlier this year Breckbill brought his scholarship, teaching and faith experience together in a class called Sacred Texts, Changing Times. The course examined the Bible, the U.S. Constitution and Beethoven's 9th Symphony "for underlying hermeneutical principles that people apply or invoke in using sacred texts to determine their beliefs and actions," he said.

The impetus for the class was his long-standing interest in the way in which performances of what are presumably fixed musical texts vary widely in different contexts. "It suddenly struck me that what I've learned about interpretive approaches, historical settings, and the fact that the text can only say so much transfers significantly to other contexts, particularly Christian ones, in which the Bible is venerated but involuntarily and inevitably manipulated by everyone who uses it."

Breckbill's scholarship focuses on studying recordings to understand performance styles of the past. He has written chapters in *Wagner in Performance, The Wagner Compendium*, and a forthcoming *Cambridge Opera Handbook on Wagner's The Flying Dutchman*, and reviews recordings monthly for *BBC Music Magazine* and weekly for the *Lincoln Journal Star* newspaper. Breckbill's work has appeared in numerous scholarly journals, and he has presented papers at conferences of several national and international scholarly societies, including the American Musicological Society (AMS), the Association for Recorded Sound Collections (ARSC) and the 1997 London meeting of the International Musicological Society.

Breckbill received an M.A. in musicology from The University of Iowa in 1983 and a Ph.D. in music history and literature from the University of California-Berkeley in 1991. In the summer of 1993, he was chosen to be a participant in a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for College Teachers at Columbia University in New York on the topic "Time and Music." He taught a class for the Nebraska Public Radio Network in the fall of 1997 and was Honorary Research Fellow in the music department at the University of Wales at Bangor in the first half of 1998.

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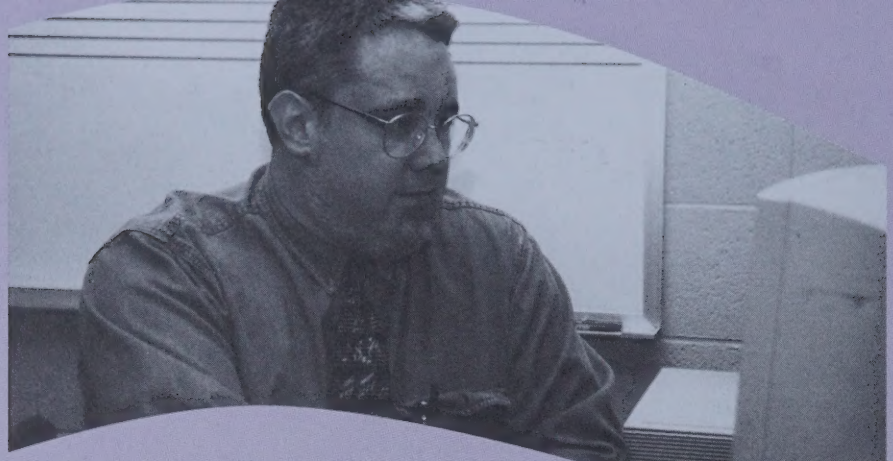


... a human manifestation of the divine creative impulse ...

Brent Weaver '79

For Brent Weaver, composing has always fulfilled a need to communicate his experience, emotions and faith with other people. "So many of my compositions are about faith," he said. "I try to share the reasons for that faith."

He traces his satisfaction with composing to faith as well. "One of the main ways that we are created in the image of God is in our ability to create," he said.

When not composing, Weaver serves as a music theorist, voice and composition teacher and technology guru at Clayton College and State University, Morrow, Ga. An associate professor of music and director of composition and theory, he is in charge of the theory program and teaches upper-level courses such as counterpoint and orchestration. In the studio, he teaches 12 composition majors and several voice students. For variety, he teaches music technology and serves as webmaster and technology mentor for other faculty. Last year he developed a Web-based music appreciation course for all students that has become a statewide model for distance learning.

And in the midst of teaching, Weaver also carves out time to compose. To date he has done seven large works, 13 chamber and keyboard works, 10 choral works, nine works for solo voice and seven arrangements. His most recent compositions are *Singing at the Fire* for solo organ (recently released by Faith & Life Press); *Snapshots for piano and woodwind quintet*, commissioned by Michiko Otaki (receiving its New York premiere this April and broadcast over WQXR, New York City's main classical station); *Between Mother and Son* for pianist Jeannine Morrison and organist Alan Morrison; and *Songs Without Words*, a cycle of four wordless pieces for soprano and piano.

Other commissioned works include *Witness: A Symphony* for the 1994 GC centennial and *Teach Me Thy Truth* (1997), a festive anthem based on the hymn by Edith Witmer and Walter Yoder for the inauguration of Shirley H. Showalter as president of GC.

After graduating from GC in 1979, Weaver worked as a writer in GC's information services office for two years before graduate school at the University of Oregon. There he received his master's degree in composition in 1984 and his doctorate in composition and vocal performance in 1991. He was an instructor at Lane Community College, Eugene, Ore., from 1986 to 1987 before joining the faculty at Clayton College and State University in 1987.

He performed with Helmut Rilling's Oregon Bach Festival chorus from 1982 to 1994 and with Rilling's Gächinger Kantorei at its Lincoln Center American premiere performance of *Messa per Rossini* by Verdi et al. in 1989.

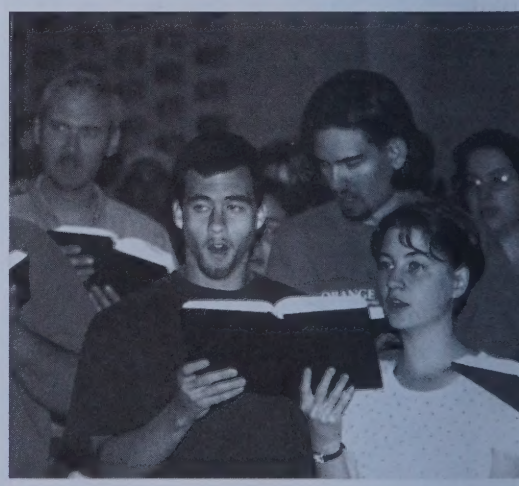
— John D. Yoder

piano preparatory program, and 70 precollege students are enrolled in the strings preparatory program. Twelve GC students currently give piano lessons in the program and four are involved in the strings program, providing practical experience and preparation for studying pedagogy in graduate school or for private teaching after graduation.

How firm a foundation

This year, 70 students are enrolled in a music-related degree program. Music majors may specify an empha-sis in music education, performance, music history/theory or piano pedagogy as their chosen area of concentration.

Said Harley, "There's a tremendous amount of excitement in the music department now; we have the largest enrollment in years." A strong combination of specialized teaching faculty are "bringing fresh energy and ideas both to the department and campus."



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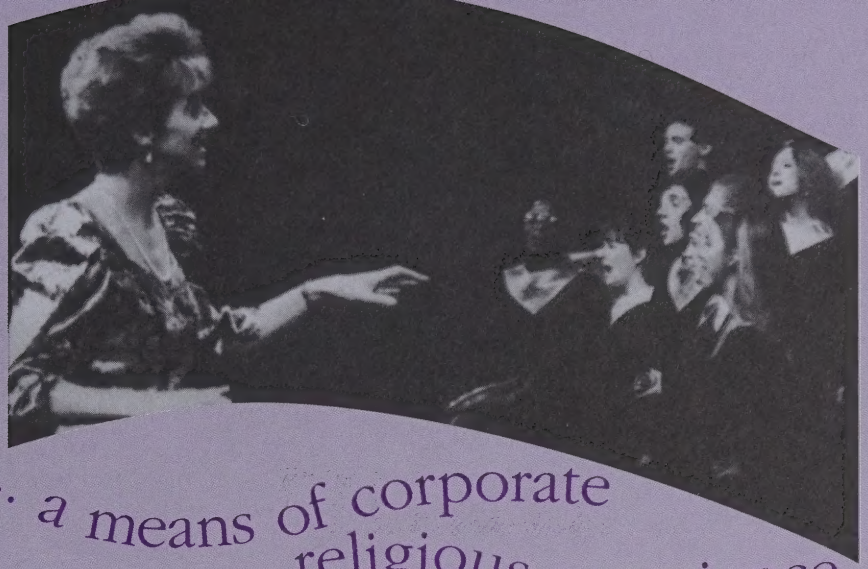
"The music department is very much aware of the fact that we function at various levels," said Preheim. "As a department, we believe one of our first obligations is to help music majors and minors develop the skills necessary to become good teachers of music or good performers, preparing them for the workplace or for graduate school."

For many GC graduates, the workplace has included churches and church schools, but other alumni have also been musical leaders in the church. GC music faculty and students make contributions to congregational life through writing songs and editing hymnals. Music graduates also contribute to their geographical communities and broader society as elementary and secondary school teachers, college and university professors, professional performers, conductors of professional and amateur choirs and orchestras, church choir directors and song leaders.

— Rachel Lapp



". . . a means of corporate religious experience"

Debra Detwiler Brubaker '79

Debra Brubaker is both passionate and thoughtful when she talks about music in worship. "I believe with all my heart that there is a Spirit within music that uses our energy of musical creation to create an even larger space of sound and sense within which all of our spirits can dance together as we journey toward a closer realization of God."

It's not your everyday statement of what makes music in worship important.

This spring, Brubaker completed course work for a doctoral degree at the University of Kansas and has accepted a position as associate professor of music at GC beginning this fall. While her primary duties will be voice instruction, she will also direct the Chorale, assist in directing operas and musicals, teach a vocal pedagogy course and occasionally teach church music and conducting.

Church music and conducting are a natural for Brubaker. "I believe that choral performance is one of the strongest proclaimers of our faith – one of the places where we can meet God and discern God's face."

Since graduating from GC in 1979, Brubaker has taught in public schools in both Indiana and Colorado. She completed a master's degree in choral conducting and vocal performance from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley in 1985. From 1987 to 1997, she was assistant professor of music at Bluffton (Ohio) College. Along the way she has been a guest vocalist and clinician in many church and worship settings.

How does music enhance the corporate worship experience? "The important thing about music is that its very existence requires a response from the listener," she said. "Somewhere, somehow, deep in our souls, there is a 'something' that music touches. It is inherent in our makeup, in our creation."

The hymn singing of Mennonites, Brubaker said, "lifts us beyond our everyday laments and pettiness to a ground that is full of beauty and energy, comfort and hope. Above all, hope, because music's beauty reminds us of a better place. And fortunately, every time we make music in worship, that place is accessible to us all."

Seeking that accessibility has made teaching at Bluffton and now GC a logical choice. She values teaching at a Christian college because of the "incredible quality of a Christian learning environment, where the core content of disciplines is taught unashamedly within a value system of beliefs by faculty who care first and foremost about their students' education. There is quality and caring and challenge in such a place, and I choose to be a part of that."

— John D. Yoder

... a window into the individual soul ...

Philip Clemens '63

Philip Clemens' interests in music and church service are part of bridging a gap, providing opportunities to speak to the individual soul.

During the early 1980s, Tilman Smith, president emeritus of Hesston (Kan.) College, approached Clemens, then a music department faculty member and director of GC's jazz band. Smith didn't connect with the style of music, he said, but came to concerts to enjoy the student performers' enthusiasm. Curious, but not critical, Smith asked, "How do you play Bach on the organ and direct the jazz band?"

The answer is in Clemens' philosophy of music. "It's like having a child. When you have that child you love it with all your heart," he said. "When your second child comes along, you love that child just as much while, at the same time, your love for the first child is not diminished – in fact, it is enhanced: your love takes on another dimension."

So went his own journey. A feeling early in life that studying both music and ministry was "God's call" to him was underscored by two events at GC. The first was at a conference on music and worship in 1962. "It was obvious that the theologians and musicians didn't understand each other," Clemens said. "I grew determined to study both and bridge the gap." Soon after, he recalls, a guest lecturer with degrees in physics and theology told a GC audience: " 'If you're going to bridge two communities, you've got to have a foot firmly planted in each one.' "

He went on to earn a master's degree in theology from Goshen Biblical Seminary and a master's in sacred music with an emphasis in organ playing at Union Theological Seminary.

He joined GC's music department in 1971, the year the organ was installed in the Church-Chapel. Soon after, Clemens began praying about an important church and societal issue: race relations; he again felt the need to bridge communities. When Clemens was asked to create one of the first-year student colloquium courses, he developed the Black Music in America class. During a student discussion, Clemens was asked why the college didn't sponsor a jazz band.

Two years later, it did. "The jazz band was started out of an intention to bridge races, cultures, ethnic backgrounds – it wasn't started just to have a jazz band," said Clemens, who also finished doctoral work in church music at Northwestern University around that time. "I felt that was part of my Christian responsibility."

During its zenith, 1,200 people would crowd into the Union to hear the jazz band perform. Clemens directed the group for 10 years, then decided to take a position as half-time pastor of worship and music at College Mennonite Church. "Someone said to me, 'I'm so glad you're coming to CMC, but does this mean you won't be directing the jazz band anymore?' I felt privileged to be asked that. There had been questions on campus as to whether the college should even have a jazz band, but it really found a following here."

Clemens later took on full-time duties at CMC and then in 1995, took a position as minister of Beaverdam Mennonite Church, Corry, Pa. He said, "Just as I have been a teacher, so here can I continue to be an encourager of music and the arts as a way to bridge the connection between individuals and Christ – a window to the soul."

— Rachel Lapp

BILL CROFUT
The Goshen Concert

... a bridge between human beings ...

Bill Crofut

"God gave man the gift of singing; it's one of his joys. It's a gift from heaven, what a glorious sound.

Sing it from the mountaintops and out to the sea. Music makes the world go round."

— Dave Brubeck and Bill Crofut

Goshen College was more than just another stop with the tour bus for Bill Crofut, a folksinger who performed in every state and more than 50 countries before his death Jan. 25, 1999. After all, it's not just any site that has a song written especially for the venue.

"Knowing in advance about the great singers at Goshen, we wrote our first collaboration, 'The Music Makes the World Go Round' as the ultimate 'sing-along' challenge. They rose to the occasion and were not shy about singing whenever asked," says the liner notes to *Red, White & Blues*, an album Crofut recorded at GC with Chris Brubeck, Joel Brown and Peter "Madcat" Ruth.

By that time in 1991, Crofut was already a veteran on the GC scene, having performed on campus about a dozen times, several times as part of recording projects. "You ask them to sing and you get unexpected, bizarre, wonderful four-part harmony," Crofut said in an interview with the Associated Press. "'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star' sounds like a Bach chorale."

But for the son of jazz great Dave Brubeck, the singing GC *Red, White and Blues* audience was a new experience. "When we were preparing for this album," Chris said recently, "Bill kept saying, 'you won't believe this place.' Even today I'll play the tapes and people will say, 'who's the choir?' I'll say, 'It's not a choir.'

"Goshen was a special place in Bill's heart. I think it was like he felt there were a bunch of clones of him there."

Crofut shared similar thoughts in a letter to Rich Gerig, then director of alumni relations and executive secretary for the college's artists series and now vice president for enrollment. Following the recording of what was to become *The Goshen Concert* album in 1981, Crofut wrote, "I have been carrying around a key in my pocket inscribed 'Goshen College,' mistakenly carried away following our visit there. It is somehow symbolic, that key, to a lingering feeling on my part that all of you are in fact pulling something off in today's world that I find incredibly wonderful. ... No matter what it is, I have always felt on my visits there a presence of a spirit missing in my normal existence.

"I cannot imagine a nicer way to be introduced to a tradition and a spirit in a community," he continued, "than by walking in, as a total stranger hired to play a concert and somewhere along the way saying to the audience something like, 'why don't you join me,' and suddenly having this wondrous sound coming back at you. It is a gift from an audience to a performer. I cannot thank you enough – all of you, and you can be sure that I shall be back and back again for a shot of your vitality."

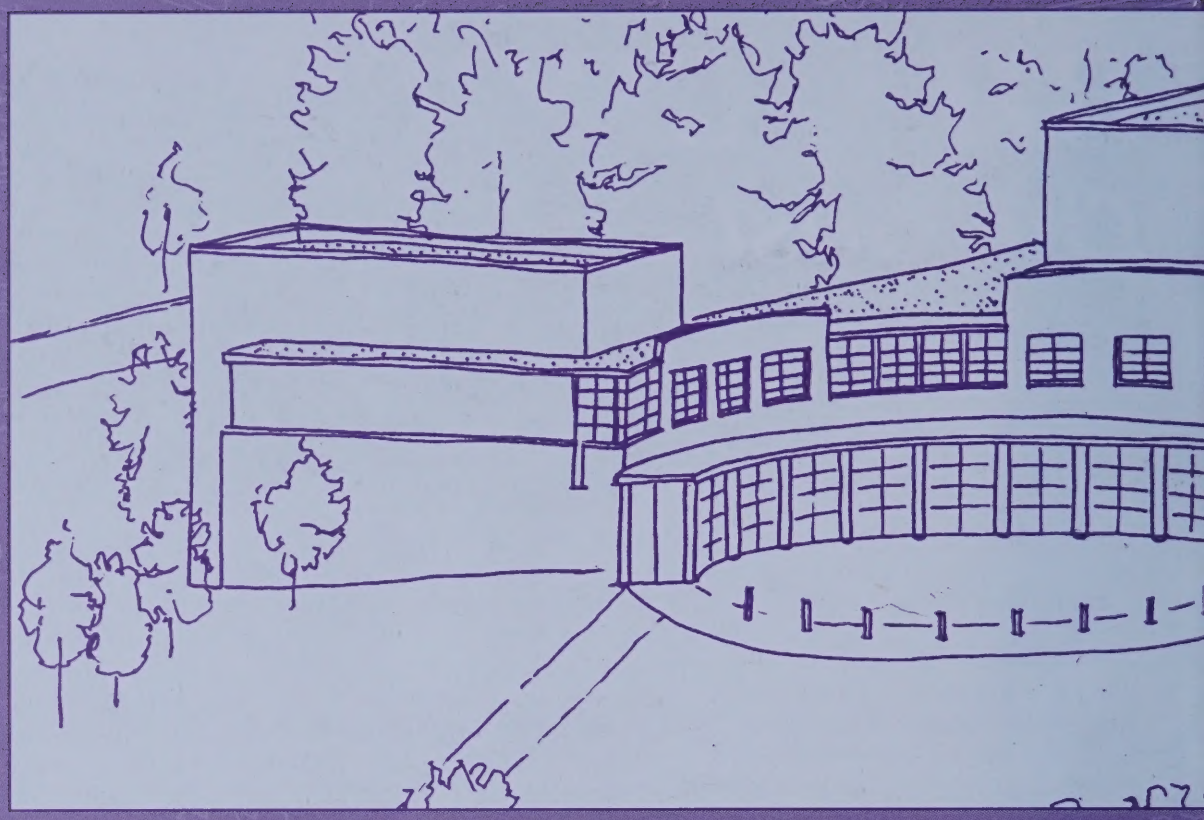
Most special of all the songs on the 1981 album, he wrote on the liner notes, was the singing of "Amazing Grace" and the hymn, "Old Hundredth," the second verse of which is known as "The Doxology."

"'The Doxology' was in 20 years of performing in over 50 countries the most moving thing that has ever happened to me," Crofut wrote. "You all take it for granted – that sound – but it is something unusual, hard to pin down. I shall never forget it."

That song also concluded Crofut's February memorial service in Sandisfield, Mass., a service which opened with the audience singing "The Garden Song," the song which also opens *The Goshen Concert* album.

"For Bill, music was another language when we didn't have a common spoken one," said Brubeck. "He was an upshining optimist who had the courage to tackle anything. He wasn't afraid of taking risks (with that language), and his risk-taking drug me into places I wouldn't have been otherwise, and I appreciate that."

— Lyle Miller



Facility would address

Music was among the original disciplines taught at GC's forerunner, the Elkhart Institute of Science, Industry and the Arts. GC music faculty such as Walter Yoder, J.D. Brunk and Mary Oyer have always been musical leaders in the Mennonite Church, and many hymns in *Hymnal: A Worship Book*, the hymnal used by several denominations, are composed by GC music faculty and graduates. Throughout its history, including up to the present day, GC choirs and worship teams have regularly led services in congregations throughout the country.

But despite this coming together of singing, the GC music department and the broader church, the college has never had spaces designed specifically for music and dedicated to musical use.

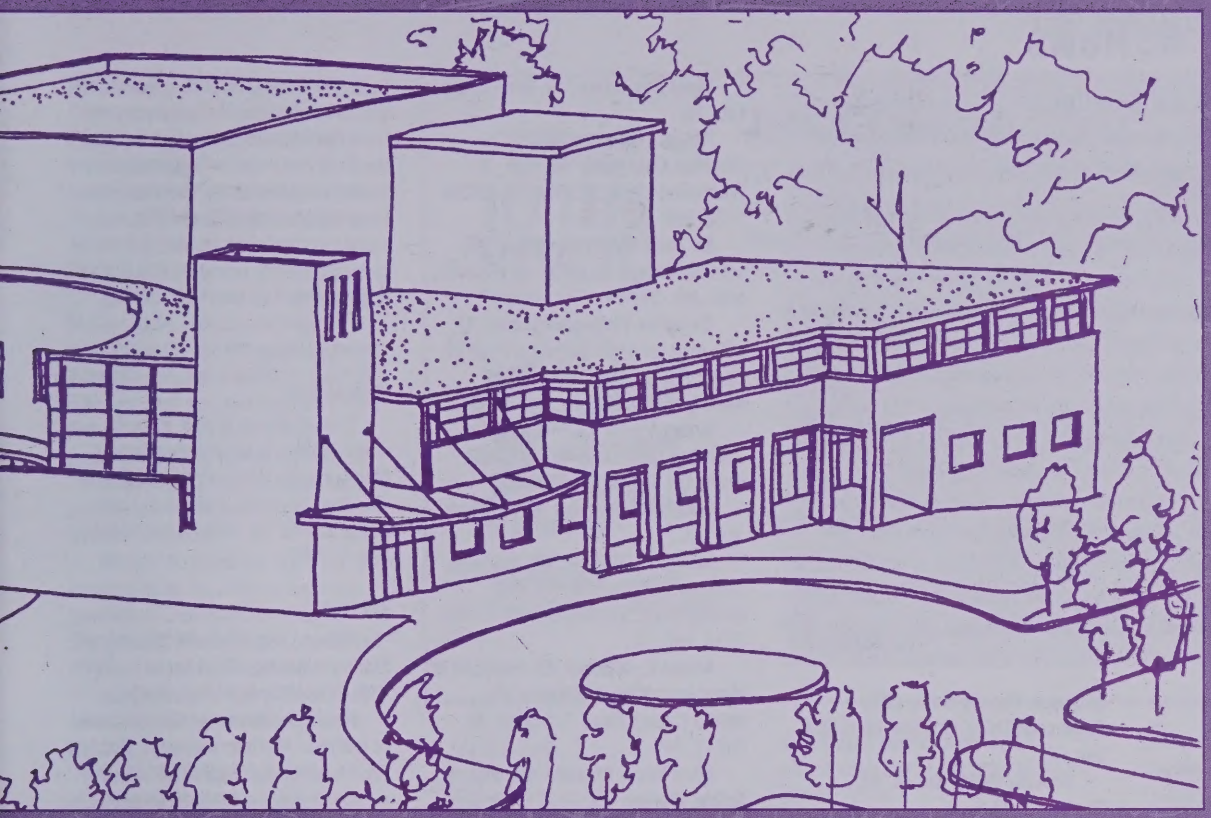
Music department activities are currently scattered across campus, with teaching, practicing or performing happening in more than half of the campus' academic buildings, none designed with music as its primary purpose. Most performances are scheduled in three different areas, none of which provides acoustics to adequately match the quality of the performances. Ensemble practices and string and piano preparatory program lessons offered to community school-age children occur in still different facilities in spaces shared by other academic and student life departments.

While the quality of the music department's faculty and curriculum continues to attract talented and motivated students – music and non-music majors alike – these students have greater expectations in regard to teaching, practice and performance facilities than in the past. Many had access to better practice and performance facilities in their high school, and significant growth in music enrollment has led to a severe shortage of teaching and rehearsal space, said Doyle Preheim, professor of music and chair of the department.

As a result of these and other factors, the college defined a new music facility as its most pressing building need in a thorough campus planning process that began in 1994 and was approved by the faculty and Board of Overseers in 1995. During the past year, a campus committee headed by Provost and Executive Vice President John D. Yordy, has begun the planning process for such a facility.

"The building is clearly designed to address GC's current and future needs and, hopefully, will address community needs as well."

Meeting weekly throughout the 1998-99 school year, an on-campus building committee began with



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questions about current and future programming for the music department, preparatory music school and community. After programming analysis, two architectural firms, Schmidt and Mathes, developed schematic drawings of a facility in accompaniment with The Talaske Group, an acoustics consulting firm with experience in music education facilities at Oberlin (Ohio) College and the College of Wooster (Ohio).

"The music department is very excited," said department chair and Professor of Music Doyle Preheim. "Our students have deserved much better than what we've had.

"A new building will provide the music department a centralized location to house all teaching, practicing and performing spaces," said Preheim. "These spaces will be designed for sound isolation and for proper acoustics. Also, the number of practice rooms and teaching spaces will be adequate to accommodate continued growth in the number of music students in future years."

Included in schematic drawings for a new facility are a large concert hall with seating for approximately 900, a smaller recital hall with seating for 200, instrumental and choral rehearsal halls, teaching spaces, faculty offices and studios and individual practice rooms. One wing of the facility would provide a home to an expanded preparatory music program currently limited, in part by space, to focusing on selected instruments. The facility would also offer opportunities for exhibits of visual arts.

"In particular, the concert and recital halls will benefit the campus and the broader Goshen community by providing an aesthetically and acoustically pleasing venue for public concerts," said Preheim. These halls will be available to high school ensembles, community choirs and orchestras as well as GC music department ensembles.

"The building is clearly designed to address GC's current and future needs and, hopefully, will address community needs as well," Preheim said. "Visiting artists will enjoy presenting concerts to our community in these newly created performance venues."

"Part of that enjoyment will come as the result of the attention given to sound quality," said Preheim. "The most critical feature is the acoustical quality of this building. When the space in which you work diminishes the level of talent you have, it is very discouraging."

Thus, perhaps as important as what *is* heard is what *isn't*. The facility, to be located on the northeast corner of campus, would not force musicians to fight the noise of passing trains and ambulances using State Road 15 to and from nearby Goshen General Hospital.

In contrast, said Preheim, good acoustics "encourage the performers because the sounds bloom rather than die."

Ask the director...

In addition to prayer and financial support, are there other ways I can support GC?

Certainly. A significant way is by talking about your GC experience with friends and relatives, particularly those who are approaching college age, encouraging them to consider GC. In addition to including student referrals on correspondence with us, you can also volunteer to bring prospective students to campus for a visit. Remind children or younger siblings of alumni that they are eligible for a $1,000 Alumni Grant for their first year of attendance at GC. Contact the admissions office at (219) 535-7535, (800) 348-7422 or admissions@goshen.edu to find out more about the alumni recruitment network. Our research tells us that students who are referred to us by alumni are likely to attend and likely to succeed at GC.

— Susan Edwards

1910-19

Deaths

Mabel Kennel Beck '19, Goshen, March 16.

Ida Kennel Byers, wife of the late **C. Floyd Byers '14**, Goshen, Feb. 26.

1920-29

Deaths

Nora Eschliman '23, Orrville, Ohio, Jan. 11.

Ella G. Holdeman '26, Constantine, Mich., Feb. 25.

Catharine Martin Hutchison '27, Goshen, April 6.

Mary Bohn Kauffman '26, Goshen, April 2.

Nellie Miller Mann-Witmer '22, Goshen, wife of the late **Samuel Witmer '14**, Feb. 2, 1997.

1930-39

Deaths

Emma Hunsberger Baumgartner '38, Goshen, Feb. 8.

George B. Bishop '34, Doylestown, Pa., husband of **Verna Smith Bishop '34**, 435 Maple Ave., Doylestown, PA 18901-4413, Feb. 16. George retired in 1978 from the food distribution business.

Rex R. Garver '31, Elkhart, Ind., March 26.

Palmer F. Cone, husband of **Gladys Hershberger Cone '39**, 938 E. Beardsley Ave., Elkhart, IN 46514-3508, Feb. 20.

Viveron E. Hoffman '31, husband of Nora Weaver Hoffman, 58705 County Road 17, Goshen, IN 46528-8465, March 21.

Dwight A. Roth '31, husband of Maynona Ranallo Roth, 1225 Greencroft Drive, Goshen, IN 46526, Jan. 20.

Dorothy Smith Shank '32, Goshen, April 1.

Ilah Abshire Snoke '30, Goshen, Feb. 24.

Barbara S. Troyer '38, Goshen, March 17.

Merrill O. Vanderveer '34, husband of Ruth Markley Vanderveer, 13233 N. 400 W., Milford, IN 46542, Jan. 24.

Myron D. Weldy '32, husband of Alice Sorenson Weldy, 1141 Belmont Ave., South Bend, IN 46615-1101, Nov. 12.

Irene Grabill Wogoman '39, wife of Walter Wogoman, 24535 State Road 119, Goshen, IN 46526-7463, Feb. 27.

Ruby Martin Zook '38, Goshen, March 27.

1940-49

Deaths

Glen Byler '48, husband of **Lois Garber Byler '48**, 72260 County Road 23, New Paris, IN 46553, April 20. Glen was an Elkhart County farmer and hog buyer and served on many livestock and agricultural related organizations at county and state levels.

William A. Fisher '48, husband of Freda Bickel Fisher, 58166 County Road 7, Elkhart, IN 46517, Feb. 22.

Joseph H.Garber '41, husband of **Thelma M. Hostetler Garber '40**, 8220 Jaspher Ave., Apt. 504, Edmonton, AB T5H 4B6 Canada, Dec. 21. They were married for 57 years.

Ruth Warstler Griggs '47, Bourbon, Ind., March 20.

Viola Eby Gross '42, Bristol, Ind., Feb. 15.

Robert Hess, husband of **Maurine Culp Hess '46**, 902 Westwood Drive, Goshen, IN 46526-1138, Feb. 26, 1998.

M. Jane Birkey Hostetler '48, wife of Richard Hostetler, New Castle, Ind., Jan. 31.

Christine Blosser Huffman '47, wife of R. Eugene Huffman, 7179 W. South Range Road, Salem, OH 44460-9225, March 22.

Grace Sieber Leu '41, wife of John Leu, 102 Taylor Drive, West Unity, OH 43570-9530, Jan. 9.

Mary Ruth Mishler '47, Goshen, Jan. 17.

Ernest G. Mishler '49, husband of Doris Unzicker Mishler, 477 Stokley Blvd., Greenwood, IN 46143-1618, Feb. 14.

Arthur L. Weaver '42, husband of **Mary Jane Kilmer Weaver '41**, 59983 County Road 1, Elkhart, IN 46517, Feb. 4.

Joan Yoder Weaver '45, wife of **Arthur Weaver '45**, 6127 E. Vernon Ave., Scottsdale, AZ 85257-1948, Jan. 13.

George P. White '47, husband of Edna McCormick White, 17912 County Road 126, Goshen, IN 46528-9699, March 10.

Paul L.Yoder '46, husband of Barbara Jones Yoder, 1666 Abigail Way, Ann Arbor, MI 48103-8948, Feb. 9.

Marriages

Lester S. Kropf '42 and **Ruth Miller Yordy '45**, both of Albany, Ore., Nov. 7.

J. Robert Martin '45 and **Eva Byers Lewis '55**, both of Mechanicsburg, Pa., June 27.

Notes

L. Eugene and **Lola Schertz Basinger '41**, Bluffton, Ohio, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family at Pokagan State Park, Angola, Ind., July 1998.

Menno and **Mabel Yoder Kauffman '45**, New Paris, Ind., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 14. They were married Feb. 12, 1949, at East Goshen Mennonite Church.

Herbert and **Cleda Holdeman Rixse '47** recently moved to Casa del Sol Retirement Center, La Junta, Colo.

Stanley C. Shenk '44, Goshen, was honored for 50 years of ordained Christian ministry March 21 at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church.

Reuben B. Widmer '40, Green Valley, Ariz., was recently honored for his contribution to the University of Iowa Department of Family Medicine; the library in the new Department of Family Medicine at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics was named in his honor. He was a founding faculty member of the department.

1950-59

Correction

On p.12 of the March *Bulletin*, under deaths, it should read Earl Eberly, husband of **Lois Mann Eberly '54**, Feb. 17, 1997, instead of **Lois Mann Eberly '54**, wife of Earl Eberly, Feb. 1, 1997.

Deaths

Althea Long Albrecht '52, wife of Stanley Albrecht, Rural Route 1, Box 119, Princeton, IL 61356, April 6.

Melvin L. Jennings '53, husband of Kathleen Munson Jennings, Box 83541, Lincoln, NE 68501-3541, Jan. 4. Melvin was a retired minister and scholar.

Joseph I. Kauffman '53, husband of **Naomi Albrecht Kauffman '54**, 4920 N. Hesston Road, Newton, KS 67114, Jan. 26.

Lola Schmidt Lehman, wife of **David G. Lehman '50**, 1611 Spring Brooke Court, Goshen, IN 46528, March 24.

Lyndith L. Parsons '58, wife of John E. Parson, 13913 Mission Oaks Blvd., Seminole, FL 34646-2122, March 17.

Dolce Bell Swartzendruber '50, wife of **Frederick Swartzendruber '44**, 2836 E. Forest Lakes Drive, Sarasota, FL 34232-4424, Feb. 22.

Theron J. Weldy '56, husband of Hila Jo Hawk, 3232 E. Hazelwood St., Phoenix, AZ 85018-3326, Jan. 31.

Vernon D. Yoder '59, husband of **Marilyn Burkholder Yoder '54**, 16672 County Road 36, Goshen, IN 46528-9278, March 25.

Marriage

Floyd A. Metz '56 and Sue Martin, both of Irvine, Calif., Feb. 26

Notes

Darlene Mathis Eddy '59, Muncie, Ind., was selected as the 1998-99 Whitinger Senior Scholar Lecturer by the Honors College, Ball State University. She presented the address at the Honors College Recognition Banquet: "Something of Great Constancy: Remembrance and Reflection."

Robert L.'64 and **Fran Kaufman**

Gerber '59, Warsaw, Ind., shared their experience with the China Educational Exchange at Waterford Mennonite Church March 14. They began their two-year assignment in August 1996 as English teachers at Henan Agricultural University, Zhengzhou, China.

Rosemarie Freeney Harding '55, Denver, Colo., conducted two workshops for the Mennonite Health Assembly annual meeting in Colorado Springs. Last year she was the Peace Fellow at the Bunting Institute at Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Mass.

Royal Hower '53, Goshen, serves as a Spanish interpreter at Goshen General Hospital.

Millard E. Osborne '54, Harrisonburg, Va., retired from his position at Charlottesville (Va.) Mennonite Church in April. He served 40 years in pastoral ministry.

Joyce Metzler Petro '59 will retire from the Kalamazoo (Mich.) Public Schools in June.

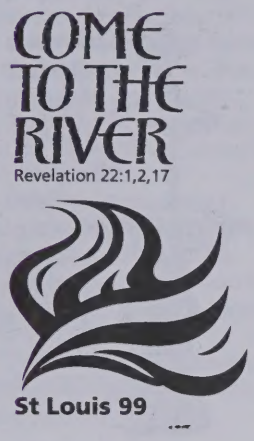
Roger W. Troyer '59, Elkhart, Ind., retired after 36 years of teaching, mostly in the Wa-Nee schools in Nappanee, and is presently selling real estate for Prudential Dunfee Realtors, Elkhart.

Barbara Riffe Von Teuber '52, San Diego, Calif., retired from the American Institute for Foreign Study. She currently volunteers helping homeless veterans find full-time employment and shelter.

Elnora Weaver Voth '53 retired in January after 23 years of service in labor and delivery at Washington Regional Medical Center, Fayetteville, Ark. **Donald E. Voth '63** led a second work camp to Vietnam in cooperation with Peacework of Blacksburg, Va., and Viet Youth Service of Hozhimin City. The group built an elementary school and an addition to a hospital at Whatrary originally established with help from Mennonite Central Committee in 1960.

Elmer and **Winifred Mumaw Wall '57**, Goshen, retired after 43 years of the pastoral ministry.

David E. Yoder '54, Pittsboro, N.C., was named 1999 Distinguished Alumnus by the University of Kansas Allied Health Alumni Association for "noteworthy contributions to the health of all people through patient care, research, teaching, health services administration and the demonstration of high principles of the health professions." He was also awarded life membership to the American Speech-Language Hearing Association and the American Association on Mental Retardation.



Join GC at the River

GC will be playing an active role at "Come to the River," the joint convention of the Mennonite Church, General Conference Mennonite Church and Conference of Mennonites in Canada, July 23-27 in St. Louis.

- **Visit us** in two places – River City and River Walk – where booths will provide more information about today's Uncommon Education at GC.
- **Attend a reception** for alumni and other friends of the college Saturday evening, July 24. See program booklet for time and location.
- **Wear your spirit** on your sleeve. GC clothes are welcome anytime, but especially on Monday, the day we've picked to make a purple presence.
- **Short on GC apparel?** Stop by the bookstore for clothing and other items.

1960-64

Death

Marilyn Troyer Yoder '64, wife of **Bradley L. Yoder '63**, 502 N. Mill St., North Manchester, IN 46962-1833, April 4.

Notes

Fern Graybill Brunner '62, Goshen, was recently appointed interim assistant director of GC's nursing department.

Curtis E. Burrell '63, Chicago, Ill., writes that he is free-lance ministering in the "spirit of the demythologized Jesus."

Stanley E. Heatwole '63, Staunton, Va., was recognized for his contributions to the evolution of emergency medicine as a board certified specialized practitioner by the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP). In 1998, ACEP established the Stanley E. Heatwole Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians Career Achievement Award and presented the first award to Stanley.

Abner H. Hershberger '60, Goshen, is resigning from teaching after 34 years at GC. He will continue at the college as artist in residence beginning in July.

Ralph Imhoff '64, Kiowa, Colo., was quoted in the Feb. 10, issue of *The Wall Street Journal*. An article titled, "The Age of Divine Disunity," quoted him as saying, "I'm a Mennonite-hyphen-Unitarian Universalist who practices Zen Meditation."

Erma King Kauffman '61 is the Elderhostel coordinator for the educational site at Rockpile Museum, Gillette, Wyo.

Rachel Nafziger Lindsay '62, Maugansville, Md., continues as director of nursing at Brook Lane Health Services, Hagerstown, Md.

Mary Mast Litzinger '63, Raleigh, N.C., retired from teaching in the public school system and is teaching in a private inner city school in Raleigh.

Willard M. Martin '61 is dean and chief administrator of the University of Maryland's campus at Schwaebisch Gmuend, Germany. **Mary Ellen Kauffman Martin '63**, edits the weekly campus newsletter and does other writing and editing tasks for the University of Maryland.

R. Beryl Martin '62, Georgetown, Del., a retired music teacher, plays music for church services, directs choir and plays autoharp in a bluegrass band.

William H. Meyers '63, Arlington, Va., is currently on a short-term assignment with the World Bank in Washington, D.C., working on transition economies in Europe and Central Asia. He is the co-editor of a recent book, *Lithuania's Accession to the European Union: Successes and Challenges for a Rural Economy in Transition.*

E. Wayne Nafziger '60, Manhattan, Kan., recently returned from two years as resident director of United Nations University/World Institute for Development Economics Research's (Helsinki) research project on humanitarian emergencies. He is currently professor of economics at Kansas State University and author of the book, *Fathers, Sons, and Daughters: Industrial Entrepreneur During India's Liberation.*

José M. Ortiz '62, Harrisonburg, Va., was approved by the Mennonite Central Committee U.S. as the new MCC U.S. executive director beginning in July. He is currently an associate professor of church ministries and director of field education at Eastern Mennonite Seminary.

Joyce M. Schertz '60, South Bend, Ind, has been working as director of Books Abroad and At Home since September; she previously was the assistant coordinator.

James A. Stemen '60, Westlake Village, Calif., received Moorpark College's Distinguished Faculty Chair, the highest honor awarded by the college's Academic Senate.

1965-69

Notes

Ruth Holderman Davidhizar '68, Goshen, dean of nursing at Bethel College, was honored at the Region 4 Sigma Theta Tau National Honor Society Conference in Milwaukee, Wis., in March. She received the Regional Mentoring Award for mentoring nursing students and colleagues in the writing process.

Knud F. Fjeldsted '65, Helsingxr, Denmark, is senior lecturer at Rungsted Gymnasium (high school).

John E. Gerber '67 is studying pipe organ at Scarritt-Bennett Center, Nashville, Tenn.

Elaine Graber Gingerich '66, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, is an elder at Fairmount Presbyterian Church and volunteers with Hospice of the Western Reserve.

Helen Liechty Glick '69, Millersburg, Ohio, continues as co-director of Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes with her husband **Bruce '64**, and is an elder at Millersburg Mennonite Church.

Rodney K. Hernley '66, Denver, Colo., was recently inducted into the National Disabled Ski Hall of Fame and recognized for his combination of competition and leadership in disabled skiing. He has been involved with organizations for people with disabilities for more than 20 years and has played an integral role in the Olympic movement and the integration of the U.S. Disabled Ski Team in U.S. Skiing. He has received several awards recognizing his significant contributions to the sport.

Ruth Fireoved Marino '69, Philadelphia, Pa., received Temple University's Outstanding Alumnus Award from the school psychology program for her service to the community.

Claudia Wolfe Rosen '68, Urbana, Ind., is working in the oncology outpatient clinic at Wabash (Ind.) County Hospital after 27 years of being a nurse at a family physician clinic.

Brenda Short Shelby '66, Atlanta, Ga., retired in August after teaching high school math for 32 years.

1970-74

Notes

Mabel Amstutz Blunk '70, Elkhart, Ind., has taken a one-year assignment starting this year as chief of the medical staff at Elkhart General Hospital. She continues to work in group pediatric practice at Bristol Street Pediatrics, Elkhart.

Stanley K. Engle '73, Leo, Ind., is minister of music at Messiah Lutheran, Fort Wayne, Ind. His musical involvements are choral and handbell directing, organ, composition and hymn writing.

Robert W. Guth '72, Goshen, became a fellow in the Society of Actuaries after passing 23 exams over 11 years. He is employed as actuary at Mennonite Mutual Aid, where he is responsible for asset-liability management of annuities and life insurance.

Rosie Hartzler '70, Windham, Maine, is planning to participate in the Big Ride Across America, a cycling fund raiser for the American Lung Association, June 14-July 31.

Dwain J. Hartzler '71, Goshen, was inducted into the Indiana Soccer Hall of Fame in March. (See page 31.)

Lawrence K. and Wanda **Heatwole '73**, Harrisonburg, Va., participate in the choir and praise band at Grace Mennonite Fellowship, Lacey Spring, Va. They each sang a solo in the Christmas cantata.

Dan J. Hostetler '73 is the chief perfusionist for the Mayo Cinic, Rochester, Minn. In 1998 he did volunteer work with Children's HeartLink, an international nonprofit organization that helps establish and support open heart centers for children with heart defects and diseases. He traveled to Cali, Colombia, and performed open heart surgery on 15 children who otherwise would not have received medical intervention. In January, he went to three sites in India and in March he went to Beijing, China, to assist with surgeries there.

Jerry S. Kennell '74, Fort Collins, Colo., established J.K. Advancement, a consulting practice to support nonprofit organizations' efforts in fund development, constituency relations, board development and strategic planning. **Leonor Constantin Kennell '74** established a new program for severely emotionally disturbed students at Fort Collins High School.

Vicky Yordy Kirkton '73, Goshen, was recently appointed interim director of GC's nursing department.

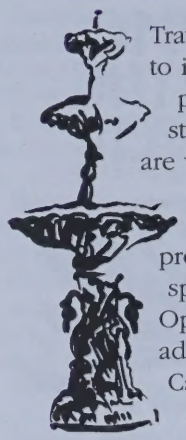
Carolyn Horst Meyer '70, Parker, Colo., was named national sales director for the Schwinn Cycling Division in February. She was previously western regional sales manager for Trek Bicycle Corp.

Kenneth J. Pletcher '70, Middlebury, Ind., accepted a position as athletic director and chairman of the physical education department at GC, beginning July 1. (See page 31.)

Roberta Davidhizar Rexroth '70, Brooksville, Fla., is currently in the University of South Florida in Tampa's master's of nursing program, studying to be an advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP). She works full time as a home health care coordinator specialist for Alsten Health Services, Broadsville, Fla.

Rick M. Stiffney '73, Goshen, was named Mennonite Health Services' president and chief executive officer.

Include GC in your travels



Traveling during the summer? Don't forget to include GC in your itinerary, particularly if there is a high school student in your group. Campus visitors are welcome anytime, but please call ahead so we can arrange a schedule that best meets the needs of prospective students. August 13 is a special time to visit, thanks to a Campus Open House scheduled by the GC admissions office.

Call (800) 348-7422 or (219) 535-7535 for more information or to register.

1975-79

Death

Karen Yoder Hennen, wife of **Michael O. Hennen '79**, 544 Sherwood Drive, Aurora, Ohio 44202-8839, Feb. 10.

Births

Dennis E. and Ellen **Zehr '77**, Tiskilwa, Ill., Anna Louise, Dec. 25.

Sean O. and Irena Vasil'evne **Simpkins '79**, Chesapeake, Ohio, Dariya Seanovna, Nov. 30.

Jon V. and Bettina Burr **Warkentin '79**, Wilmington, N.C., Jonathan Burr, July 7.

Notes

Paul L. Bender '75, Richmond, Va., recently became the chief financial officer for Water and Sewer Authority, Washington, D.C.

Beverly J. Billey '76 is a speech pathologist with River Valley Schools in Three Oaks, Mich.

Paul H. Buller '75, Goshen, is a family practice doctor. **Debra Stayrook Buller '78** writes that she enjoys spending time with her teen-age daughters and doing outside activities.

Joyce Yoder Combs '75 is currently co-pastoring with her husband **Jeffrey Yoder '76**. They have been living in Springfield, Ohio, since graduating from Eastern Mennonite Seminary in 1997.

John M. Dick '75, Goshen, is in family practice with Memorial Health System in Milford, Ind. **Shirley Claassen Dick '75** is homeschooling and doing Creative Memories, archiving personal photographs.

Patricia Gerber-Pauls '75, Winkler, Canada, is a liaison for the community working with German speaking families moving into Winkler. She works with school placement and registration, health records and English as a Second Language adult education. **Ben W. Pauls '75** is working as assistant pastor in the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with major responsibilities in music and worship.

Hope Branscombe Graham '75, Cambridge Station, Nova Scotia, Canada, is executive director of the Annapolis County Branch of Victorian Order of Nurses. The branch staffs the Health Information Place for Youth at the Bridgetown High School and recently began to sponsor the county coordinator of volunteer services for seniors.

Anita Hartzler Handevidt '79, Jackson, Minn., graduated in December from Minnesota State University, Mankato, with a master's degree in advanced practice nursing. She serves the State of Minnesota on a mobile service team working with serious and persistent mentally ill individuals.

Teresa Hoffman Hitzeman '78, Fort Wayne, Ind., is completing her doctoral studies at the Catholic University of America and is working at the University of St. Francis as program director of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Completion Program.

Mary Reber Hostetler '75, Rochester, Minn., spent two weeks in China with 16 other nurses from the Association of Women's Health, Obstetrics and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) in September. The nurses, from 12 different states, visited hospitals, clinics and nursing schools in Shanghai, Yangzhou, Qingdao and Beijing. She was also elected as 1999-2000 Minnesota Section Chair of AWHONN.

Don E. Kauffman '77, Omaha, Neb., has been working with U.S. West for three years as a programmer.

Charlotte Hershberger Koenig '79, Davenport, Iowa, is medical director of John Deere Medical Group of the Quad Cities.

Gary R. Laustsen '76, Longmont, Colo., completed his master's of nursing degree, with a family nurse practitioner emphasis, at the University of Northern Colorado in December.

Nancy Sutter Leggett '77 is in her 11th year selling real estate for Coldwell Banker Honing Bell in Plainfield, Ill., a suburb south of Chicago. She recently completed the requirements to become a licensed real estate broker in Illinois.

Miriam Miller Mast '78, Middlebury, Ind., recently started a support group for parents of multiples, Double Duty Support Group, which meets monthly in Goshen.

In December, **Ray L. Miller '78**, Chambersburg, Pa., was named president/CEO of Menno Haven Inc., a Mennonite retirement community with 500 employees serving 1,000 residents.

Sean O. Simpkins '79, Huntington, W.Va., is finishing his master's degree in sociology and Soviet/Russian studies at Marshall University. He works for the U.S. Postal Service and plans to seek employment in Russia/CIS upon completion. He is married to Irina Vasil'evna Simpkins, whom he met while studying in Moscow in 1992; they have a 7-month-old daughter.

Nancy Potteiger Slavin '79 works as head district school nurse in Lititz, Pa., and completed her master's studies in clinical psychology.

Dennis E. Zehr '77, Tiskilwa, Ill., and his wife, Ellen Davis-Zehr, have a small organic vegetable farm. Since 1991 they have hosted four Mennonite Central Committee international visitor exchange program participants who share their interest in small-scale sustainable agriculture.

1980-84

Marriage

Richard L. Buckwalter '81 and Ann Rutt, both of Brooklyn, N.Y., Nov. 7.

Births

Daniel Strain and **Laura J. Friesen '80**, Indianapolis, Ind., Liam Edward, Feb. 15.

Steven and **Susan King Hershberger '82**, Indianapolis, Ind., Christopher John Paul, Nov. 11.

Joel M. Hoefle '81 and **Patricia M. Magal '82**, Minneapolis, Minn., Celestyna Rose, June 28, 1997.

Sanford L. '82 and **Mary Lou Overholt Miller '83**, Millersburg, Ind., Isaac Lester, March 2.

Ronald E. '82 and **Grace E. Hochstetler Sautter '84**, Bourbon, Ind., Gabriel Jordon, March 28.

Ronald D. and Brenda Kiracofe **Slagell '84**, Augusta, Mich., Matthew Steven, Nov. 8.

Daniel and **Rhonda J. Kinsinger Wray '84**, Colorado Springs, Colo., Tristan Mitchell, Feb. 8.

Notes

Jaime E. '84 and **Diane Beam Alvarez '84** moved from the Philippines to San Juan, P.R., in July. He works for Molinos de Puerto Rico, CONAGRA, as assistant general manager. Diane volunteers at Wesleyan Academy where their daughters attend school.

Elsa Swift Bakkum '80, Yorktown, Va., writes she is a mother to three sons and a substitute organist for several churches.

Michael and **Miriam King Blosser '84**, Sarasota, Fla., are participating in a new breakfast program to feed hungry and homeless people near their church as a practical way to demonstrate Jesus' love to the community.

Greta Cender-Poplett '84, Golden Valley, Minn., is teaching part time at Wayzata Elementary School and enjoying time with her two children.

Joel M. Hoefle '81, Minneapolis, Minn., writes that his company, Digital Marketing Inc., continues to grow.

Mervin E. Horst '84, New York, N.Y., is working as a legal assistant at Deutsche Bank AG's New York Branch. He is one of 50 people there who understands German. On weekends, he takes classes in paralegal studies at New York University.

Kristine R. Kauffman '81, Indianapolis, is employed as a pediatric nurse practitioner at Riley Hospital for Children. She works with the stem cell transplant service providing inpatient and outpatient care for children receiving bone marrow transplants.

Kathy Kautz de Arango '82, Tlalnepantla Edo, Mexico, is writing a children's Sunday school curriculum on Judges-Kings for her church.

Gail Schrock Neumann '81, Metamora, Ill., teaches third grade at Germantown Hills Elementary School.

Bonita Bontrager Schrock '80, Goshen, received the Social Worker of the Year Award from Oaklawn in March. She is manager of child and adolescent services at the mental health facility.

Andrea J. Springer '82 is executive director of Fox Theatre, Hutchinson, Kan., a live performance and film facility.

Todd A. Yoder '84, Lititz, Pa., has been promoted to northeastern regional sales manager at Flexsteel Industries, Inc.

1985-89

Death

Charlotte Holsopple Glick '88, wife of Del Glick, 19889 Peach Ridge Road, Goshen, IN 46526, Feb. 8.

Marriage

Laura D. Yoder '88 and Jeff Dayton, both of Champaign, Ill., June 27, 1998.

Births

Ronald and **Deborah Hook Corino '89**, Hesston, Kan., Nathaniel David, March 2.

Timothy A. '89 and **Jennifer Herr Drescher '89**, Goshen, Paul Daniel, Feb. 22

Douglas '89 and **Jill Hostetler Kaufman '89**, Akron, Pa., Isaiah Douglas, Dec. 4.

Kendal H. '90 and **Robina David Sommers '89**, Goshen, Benjamin Kumar, Dec. 26.

Mark and **Denise Gresham Tornberg '86**, Ottawa, Ill., Matthew Richard, Feb. 10.

Timothy and **Zoann Haarer Wall '89**, Goshen, Chloe Noelle, Jan. 27.

Michael and **Kathleen Nofziger Yeakey '86**, La Junta, Colo., Hannah Marie, Jan. 25.

Mark T. '87 and **Debra Heiser Yoder '88**, Goshen, Alex Kyle, Nov. 1.

Kermit E. '87 and **Gretchen S. Yoder-Schrock '88**, Gilroy, Calif., Jacob Gaelan.

Notes

Nadina Alvarenga '85 is the academic coordinator at the Bilingual Metropolitan School, San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

Christine A. Dick '87 is a massage therapist, a holographic repatterning candidate for certification and a Watsu practitioner in Kansas City, Mo.

Julia Y. Friesen '88, Berwyn, Ill., works as a therapist at a residential facility for the homeless in Chicago. In September she became licensed as a certified alcohol and drug counselor, and in December earned her license as a clinical social worker. She joined Oak Park Mennonite Church and is serving on the church council.

Susan Kennel Harrison '87, Toronto, is working toward her doctoral degree in New Testment, at Emmanuel College, Toronto School of Theology. Her family will be excavating during June and July at Tell Medaba in Jordan where her husband is the project director. She is also helping on a Mennonite Central Committe project involving Muslim-Christian dialogue and cultural exchange with two Iranian clergyman and their families who have come to Toronto to study Christian philosophy.

Robert E. Helsel '89 is a technical recruiter with InteProS Consulting, Charlotte, N.C.

Fredrick E. Kem '87 owns a hardware store in Rensselaer, Ind.

Daniel W. Martin '87, San José, Calif., along with his brothers, **David E. Martin '89**, Charlottesville, Va., and **Timothy R. Martin '90**, Greensboro, N.C., recently returned from a building project in Siguatepeque, Honduras, with the Greensboro, N.C., affiliate of Habitat for Humanity. Tim is the construction coordinator for that affiliate. Daniel is working as a computer and management systems analyst for Tractor Equipment Sales, a construction equipment company in San José.

George S. Miller '89, New York, wrote *Cracking the TOEFL CBT*, a study guide for all foreign students who must take and pass the computerized, standardized TOEFL test for college and university admission; the book is available through Amazon.com.

Regina K. Miller '88, Port Washington, Wis., is working at a private nature center as outreach program coordinator. In May 1998, she completed a master of arts degree from Ball State Universary, Muncie, Ind., in natural resources and environmental management with a minor in biology and a concentration in environmental education.

Timothy J. Oyer '85, Charlestown, Mass., is hiring partner of Wolf, Greenfield and Sacks, a Boston intellectual property law firm.

Stanley W. Pletcher '86, Berrien Springs, Mich., joined a group of Christian ophthalmologists in St. Joseph and Niles, Mich., in Nov. 1997.

Xiaoming Ren '89, Nanchong Sichuan Province, People's Republic of China, is studying at Oral Roberts University towards a master's degree in education.

Michael E. Ruhling '86, Rochester, N.Y., began a tenure-track position as assistant professor of music at the Rochester Institute of Technology, where he teaches music history and appreciation courses. He also conducts the RIT Phiharmonia and coaches various chamber ensembles. He continues to work on his doctoral dissertation and is a candidate in historical musicology at the Catholic University of America.

Michael E. Stauffer '85, Indianapolis, Ind., completed a master's degree in library and information science at Indiana University. He has been working for the past six years at Goulding and Wood Pipe Organ Builders in Indianapolis and at the Indiana Historical Society Library.

Arlene Hinckle Steffen '85, Fresno, Calif., plays regularly as an accompanist for the Pacific Chamber Singers and voice students at Fresno Pacific University. She accompanied the university musical this spring.

David Avagliano Treber '86 is director of conferences and events at Frostburg (Md.) State University.

Stephen D. Voran '85, Boulder, Colo., is the sole inventor of "Audio Signal Time Offset Estimation Algorithm and Measuring Normalizing Block Algorithms for the Perceptually Consistent Comparison of Speech Signals," which describes an unusual algorithm for evaluating transmitted speech quality by mimicking human auditory perception.

1990

Births

Leslie and **Antoinette L. Brown-Wilson**, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, Eboni Angel, Aug. 31.

Gregory T. and **Bethany Miller Shank '92**, New Paris, Ind., Samantha Christine, Dec. 29.

Notes

Kimberly R. Burkholder graduated from Gallaudet University in May 1998 with a master of arts degree in deaf education. She is teaching first through third grade at the New Mexico School for the Deaf, Santa Fe, N.M.

Shane D. Hartzler, Falls Church, Va., is working towards his master's of business administration degree at Georgetown University.

Jerald L. Kornhaus is the farm underwriter at Mennonite Mutual Insurance Company, Orrville, Ohio.

Robert M. Kurtz, West Lafayette, Ind., is in the Ph.D. program in speech and hearing sciences at Purdue University.

Maria Lehman Osborne, Goshen, is a physical therapist at Goshen General Hospital. **Jeffrey P. Osborne '92**, received his Ph.D in bio-chemistry from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, in December.

Eugenia Romero Talbert, Lancanster, Pa., participated in the 1998-99 Alumni Scholar program on March 18-19 at GC. She is the director of community ministries at Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, Pa.

Bradley K. Yoder, Pittsburgh, Pa., writes that he is working hard on his second CD and playing many solo acoustic shows in Pittsburgh and the surrounding area.

1991

Births

Andre W. and **Sheila Henry Hackman '92**, Baltimore, Md., Elise Michelle, Feb. 19.

Robert and **Gwendolyn Shank Myers**, Eureka, Ill., Annika Beth, Feb. 20.

Notes

Shashi D. Buluswar is a visiting professor in computer science at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

Lois F. Hochstetler recently moved to Columbus, Ohio, after living in South Bend, Ind., for five years. She runs a treatment program for men with mental retardation who have been convicted of felony offenses. She writes that she enjoys the daily challenges of working with this population and balancing both clinical and administrative responsibilities.

Douglas W. Valverde and **Joanna Oyer** recently moved to Lakewood, Colo. Doug works as a speech language pathologist and special education teacher for Clear Creek School District in Idaho Springs, Colo. Joanna works as a home health care social worker in the Denver area. They write they enjoy hiking, climbing, biking and the Colorado weather.

1992

Marriage

Melinda Wenger, Richfield, Minn., and Dale Brady, New Brighton, Minn., Aug. 23, 1997.

Notes

Thavisith Mounsithiraj, Middlebury, Ind., received his master's degree in counseling from Indiana University in August.

Steven J. Weaver, Chicago, was recently hired as a school program coodinator for Gallery 37, a job training program in the arts for the City of Chicago.

1993

Births

Bradd and **Diana Miller Eldridge**, Elkhart, Ind., Reece Michael and Denae Marie, Feb. 17.

R. Thomas and Jacqueline Bontreger **Reschly**, Goshen, Reese Thomas, Jan. 27.

Notes

Keith A. Lehman has been living in Vancouver, B.C., for the last four years and has spent much of his time learning how to throw pots and play drums.

Jason K. Samuel, Goshen, was elected the 1998 Indiana Sportscaster of the Year by the National Sportscasters and Sportwriters Association. He, along with other state winners, national winners and Hall of Fame inductees, was honored at the 40th Annual Awards Program at the NSSA Hall of Fame in Salisbury, N.C., in April.

Erin E. Yoder, Goshen, is working in the laboratory at GDS Technology.

1994

Births

Carlos and **Kristina Damer Olivares**, Howe, Ind., Marisa Kristina, Dec. 25.

Jeffrey L. and **Gwendolyn Boll Roth**, Hesston, Kan., Jordan Kent, Feb. 28, 1996.

Notes

Peter C. Gerber is a computer technician at the Columbus (Ohio) Metro Library. **Kelly Krabill Gerber '95** is working on her Ph.D. in biochemistry at Ohio State University.

M. Chad and **Denise Beyeler Harshbarger '95**, Fort Wayne, Ind., are junior high youth sponsors at North Leo Mennonite Church.

Luz Yadira Romero Miller, Columbus, Ohio, is a registered pharmacist working on a two-year doctorate program in pharmacy. She is currently employed by Merck-Medco, a pharmaceutical company.

K. Scott Miller, Columbus, Ohio, graduated from Ohio State Medical School in June 1998. He is currently a resident in internal medicine at Ohio State University Hospitals.

Melinda Butler Sorenson Schaddelee, Goshen, is teaching sixth grade social studies at Goshen Middle School. She is in the master's of counseling program at Indiana University-South Bend.

Matthew J. Schloneger, Cincinnati, Ohio, graduated in December from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music with a master's degree in voice. He worked as an aide to Cincinnati Mayor Roxanne Qualls during her 1998 congressional campaign and will spend the 1999-2000 school year studying voice in Milan, Italy, on a Rotary Club Ambassadorial Scholarship.

Farida S. Shapiro, New York, a senior children's librarian, manages the Children's Room at the Tompkins Square branch of The New York Library.

Leah Swartzendruber-Little, Hopedale, Ill., is working as a registered nurse in intensive care, cardiovascular intensive care and the emergency room at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria, Ill.

1995

Birth

Todd A. and **Dena Risner Hostetler**, Bellefontaine, Ohio, Savannah Joy, May 19, 1998.

Marriage

Angela Wilden and Travis A. Miner, both of Goshen, Dec. 19.

Notes

Lowell M. Brown, Bloomington, Ind., was featured in the Arts and Entertainment section of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* for staging a "promotional protest" at the Carnegie Museum in response to the Christopher Woods exhibit's "inaccessibility to people without an arts background."

Sarah E. Frankenfield, Dublin, Pa., worked as a university instructor

in Hangzhou, People's Republic of China, July 1996-July 1997. Since returning, she has worked as a licensed insurance agent at Franconia Insurance and Financial Services, Harleysville, Pa.

Ryan Mellinger is living in New Hampshire and working as a glassblower in Quechee, Vt., for Simon Pearce, whose main business is handblown glass.

Angela Wilden Miner, Goshen, is employed by Property Management Services as a marketing agent and by Pizza Hut Delivery as a shift manager.

David D. Moyer-Diener, Houston, Texas, is in his third year of medical school at Baylor College of Medicine. **Joanna Moyer-Diener '97** graduated in December from nursing school at Texas Woman's University and worked in a hospital in India with Mennonite Medical Association for two months at the beginning of the year.

Hans W. Rosenberger, Los Angelos, Calif., graduated in May from Penn State University with a master's of science degree in electrical engineering with an emphasis in microwave remote sensing. He began working at the Microwave and Lidar Technology Section of the Jet Propulsion Lab, Pasadena, Calif.

L. Lorena Rothenbuhler Schloneger, Dalton, Ohio, works as an obstetrics nurse in Orrville, Ohio.

Kristine A. Weaver, Denver, Colo., began the physician assistant master's program at the Chicago Medical School in May.

1996

Birth

Christopher and **Marcie Black Anders**, Pierceton, Ind., Marisa Renee, May 21, 1998.

Marriages

Chad M. Ramer, Goshen, and **Christine Short**, Archbold, Ohio, Dec. 19.

David A. Rupp, Indianapolis, Ind. and **Beth L. Conrad**, Perkasie, Pa., Jan. 2.

Notes

Marcie Black Anders, Pierceton, Ind., works as a scheduling secretary for WRSW Broadcasting Inc. in Warsaw. She also cares for her daughter who has Aicardi Syndrome, a rare disorder that has affected only 300 girls in the world.

Jorna A. Dodge recently moved to Eugene, Ore., after spending the last two years at Oaklawn Inc., Elkhart, Ind., as a case worker.

Alumni Weekend
Oct. 1-3, 1999

You won't get to know all 19,000 GC graduates in three days, but you can get started. Mark your calendar for Alumni Weekend a wonderful time to reminisce and get reacquainted with classmates.

Friday, Oct. 1

8 a.m.	Associates breakfast
10 a.m.	Culture for Service convocation
Noon	Golf scramble
5 p.m.	Class of 1949 50th Anniversary Banquet *Greencroft*
5:30 p.m.	Alumni family picnic
6-9 p.m.	Art exhibit
Evening	Theater

Saturday, Oct. 2

8:45 a.m.	Child care
8:45 a.m.	Kids' activities
9 a.m.	Reunion brunches
	45th anniversary – Class of 1954 *Goshen Inn*
	40th anniversary – Class of 1959 *Greencroft*
	35th anniversary – Class of 1964 *Essenhaus*
	30th anniversary – Class of 1969 *Greencroft*
	25th anniversary – Class of 1974 *Larimer Banquet and Conference Center*
	20th anniversary – Class of 1979 *Larimer Banquet and Conference Center*
	15th anniversary – Class of 1984 *Church-Chapel Koinonia Room*
	10th anniversary – Class of 1989 *Church-Chapel Gathering Room*
	5th anniversary – Class of 1994 *Electric Brew*
9 a.m.	Gold Leaf Brunch for classes graduating in 1949 and before
11 a.m.	Reunions following Gold Leaf Brunch
	60th anniversary – Class of 1939 *Multicultural-International Education Lounge*
	55th anniversary – Class of 1944 *Westlawn Lounge*
	50th anniversary – Class of 1949 *College Cabin*
	Men's tennis vs. Alumni
	Alumnae and varsity volleyball tournament
TBA	GC Ponderosa Cross Country Invitational
TBA	Women's tennis vs. Bethel
1 p.m.	Alumni and department gatherings
2 p.m.	African-American Reunion *Multicultural-International Education Lounge*
2 p.m.	Men's soccer vs. Robert Morris (Ill.)
2:30 p.m.	Fall Classic Run/Walk
5:30 p.m.	Alumni banquet and program
6 p.m.	Kids' pizza and swim party
8:30 p.m.	Musical Extravaganza by GC music department and alumni

Sunday, Oct. 3

9:15 a.m.	Worship service
10:45 a.m.	Alumni hymn sing
2 p.m.	Women's soccer vs. St. Mary's

1999-2000 educational travel

The college offers the following tours and learning opportunities led by faculty:

Stratford Theater Trip

Oct. 15-17, 1999

Bus trip to the Shakespeare Festival in Ontario. Three plays, lodging in Queens Inn and dinner at The Church Restaurant included. **Cost:** $390

Haiti: Missions and Development in a Third World Setting

Jan. 27-Feb. 7, 2000

Leaders: Arlin and Naomi Hunsberger

An in-depth look at development in a Third World country offering a way to meet local workers and experts in mission and development projects of Pan American Development Foundation, Mennonite Central Committee and MEDA. Visit centers in Port-au-Prince with several days in Cape Haitian. **Cost:** $2,395

Photographing Santa Barbara

Feb. 13-18, 2000

Leaders: Henry and Mary Weaver

Santa Barbara, located between mountains and the Pacific Ocean, is one of the most photogenic locales in the United States. Highlights include lectures, photographing the city's special sights and daily image evaluation. For beginners to experienced amateurs. Nonparticipating spouses may audit. **Cost:** $495, nonparticipating spouse $320

Call Janette Yoder at (219) 535-7545 or e-mail janetteky@goshen.edu for detailed itinerary or questions.

Professor of English Ervin and Phyllis Beck led a group of 20 alumni and other friends on the April in England tour. Group members included (from left): Front row – Adonia Henry, Nila Sawatsky, Fern Hershey Heise '49, Evelyn Driver, Janice Hartzler Lambright '62 and Barbara Rubin. Middle row – Betty Knapp, Janet Yoder '57, Carolyn Lehman Henry '60, Darlene Metzler Landes '54, Lucy Yoder Gotwals '52, Mary Yutzy Herr '53 and Phylllis Lauver Beck '59. Back row – Roland Landes '54, Jessie Heise '48, Ada Mast Hallman '63, Jon Smucker '64, Jan Nase Smucker '66, Bob Gotwals '51, Ellen Vogts, Joanne Hallman Dahl '64 and Ervin Beck '59.

Nearly two dozen alumni and friends joined Professor of Biology Jonathan and Mary Ann Roth at GC's Marine Biology facility in the Florida Keys. Pictured are (from left): Stan Grieser, Ralph Aschliman, Jonathan Roth '59, Jane Schwind, Mary Ann Smucker Roth '60, Jenna Schwind, Cara Lou Aschliman Grieser '73, Kathryn Aschliman '54 and Sharon Aschliman Ginter '73.

Stacey Graber Farran, Lombard, Ill., is an orchestra teacher (grades 4-8) in Wheaton. She is also involved with the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra and at Lombard Mennonite Church.

Hans Peter Goertz, Birmingham, Ala., served with CARE-Indonesia on the island of Sulawesi in a four-month internship, assessing and modifying a training program.

Bradley B. Kauffman, Kalona, Iowa, writes that he is enjoying his third year teaching music at Iowa Mennonite School.

David A. Rupp, Indianapolis, Ind., is a naturalist at Southeastway Park; **Beth Conrad Rupp** is in her second year of medical school at Indiana University.

1997

Marriage

Matthew D. Miller and **Karen Showalter '98**, both of Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 15

Notes

Carissa A. Beachey, Goshen, works in the children's department at the Goshen Public Library. She is also chimer director at St. Mark's United Methodist Church and participates in the Goshen Community Chorale.

In September, **Erica Friesen**, Goshen, plans to begin work on a master of fine arts in costume design with the Hilberry Repertory Theatre at Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich.

Yin Hesu is vice president of the College of Law and Business in Sichuan International Studies University at Chongqing, Sichuan, People's Republic of China.

Jennifer I. Koop, Indianapolis, is a first-year doctoral student in Purdue's clinical psychology program.

Matthew D. Miller, Cambridge, Mass., works as a computer technologist at Boston University. **Karen Showalter Miller** is assistant manager at the 10,000 Villages store in Boston.

Sidharth S. Sahni was promoted to senior consultant with Crowe, Chizek and Co., a certified public accounting firm in South Bend, Ind., in April.

Mo Siyu, Zigong Sichuan, People's Republic of China, teaches English at Sichuan Institute of Light Industry and Chemical Technology.

Kaiyi Tu teaches English as a Second Language in the department of foreign languages for business and economics at the South-West University of Finance and Economics in Chengdu, Sichuan, Peoples Repuplic of China.

1998

Deaths

Kelly J. Igney, Goshen, Feb. 27.
Sharon Tsalwa, Goshen, March 10.

Marriage

Barbara Noble, Convoy, Ohio, and Derek Jung, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, Nov. 21
Crystal Borntrager, Elkhart, Ind. and **Jonathon Shellenberger '99**, Paoli, Ind. Aug. 8

Notes

Anne H. Berry, Goshen, began a new position as writer/design assistant in GC's public relations department.

Claudia Davis, Nappanee, Ind., graduated from Western Michigan University with her master of social work degree in April.

Cheri L. Krause, Albany, Ohio, is a graduate student in cultural studies in education at Ohio University.

Melody Joan Miller, Middlebury, Ind, works at Healthy Beginnings, Elkhart.

Alexander G. Naula, Goshen, is attending Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind., studying for a master of arts degree in theological studies.

Peter A. Setiawan, Baltimore, trained with Youth Evangelism Service until May as part of his internship with Global Training Network.

Megan Crofoot Willems is teaching middle school physical education and health at Columbia Middle School, Logansport, Ind. She is also assistant junior varsity and varsity girls soccer coach at Logansport High School.

1999

Marriage

Monroe L. Yoder, Goshen, and Anika Egli, Wolcottville, Ind., Dec. 26

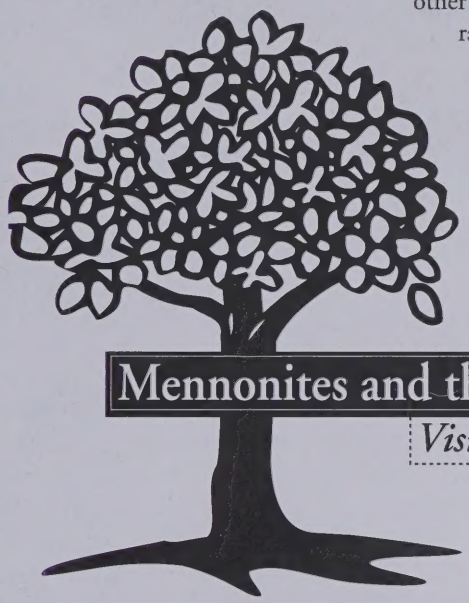
Note

Yea Yun Chow is a consultant with KPMG in Chicago, Ill., where she does mergers and acquisitions consulting for software and information technology services companies.

Mennonites and the Family: Vision and Reality, Oct. 14-16, 1999

Families are facing greater challenges than ever before, and many related issues intersect in the church: marriage, child raising, gender identity, work, aging, family values and intimacy, all of which are central to our identity as individuals and congregations.

GC, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries and The Mennonite Historical Society, with support from Lilly Endowment Inc., are sponsoring an interdisciplinary conference, "Mennonites and the Family," at GC to address topics pertinent to individual families and congregations and the broader Mennonite Church as we move into the 21st century. Scholars, pastors and lay leaders, students, historians, storytellers and other interested people are invited to engage in a wide-ranging conversation about the past, present and future of Mennonite/Anabaptist families.



Presentations and seminars are intended to contribute to a clearer understanding of contemporary realities and offer constructive models of family life that are rooted in Scripture, Christian faith and Anabaptist/Mennonite theology. Conversations generated at this conference will contribute to essential discussions about the family within individual congregations and the broader Mennonite Church.

The Anabaptist Anthropologists and Sociologists Association will hold its annual meeting on campus in conjunction with the conference.

For more information, call (219) 535-7557.

Faculty and staff

Birth

Eric and **Lavonn Hostetler (faculty '98-)**, Carissa Raine, Jan. 20.

Notes

Luke Gascho (faculty '97-) completed his doctorate in educational leadership at Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Miriam Martin (faculty '90-'98), South Bend, Ind., resigned as director of GC's nursing department. She was instrumental in developing the bachelor of science in nursing completion program for registered nurses, and she facilitated a curriculum change within the nursing program. Under her leadership, the nursing department achieved continuing accreditation by the National League for Nursing for another eight years, the maximum time granted.

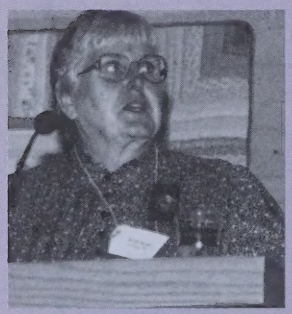
Gladys Hufford Overholser (staff '64-'74), Goshen, and her husband, Claude, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on April 7. They were married on April 7, 1934.

Mo Siyu (visiting scholar '96-'97) is teaching English at Sichuan Institute of Light Industry and Chemical Technology in China.

Speaking of hope: Violence prevention conference draws 700

The most important event in the country April 15-17 was GC's "Replacing Fear with Hope: Violence Prevention in Our Communities" conference, according to one keynote speaker. From 13 states and representing diverse backgrounds and professions and academic disciplines, 700 people gathered on campus to listen to three keynote speakers and six conference faculty members address various topics related to violence prevention efforts.

Ruth Krall, director of the peace, justice and conflict studies program (pictured at left), chaired the conference steering committee. She said the conference was intended to bring to GC various voices within "the larger violence prevention movement."



Oscar Arias, former president of Costa Rica and Nobel laureate, opened the conference Thursday night with a speech titled, "Violence Prevention and Conflict Transformation at the Edge of a New Millennium." Within the context of a detailed speech articulating a global perspective on political, social, economic and human reform needs, Arias urged a change in the international moral climate. "I am but one person of a larger movement. It is a movement of many people in many walks of life, all working to see that, in the end, justice is realized," he said. "Our path will be perilous, but our eminent destination will be a new, more humane planet Earth."

On Friday, conference sessions were planned to address the broader symptoms and influences that foster a violent society. Speakers discussed the need for coalitions between community individuals and institutions working at conflict prevention-focused strategies.

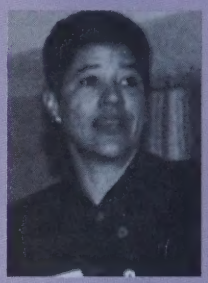
In addition to several planned sessions, Lt. Col. David Grossman gave an additional presentation Friday night when Deborah Prothrow-Stith had to reschedule her keynote for Saturday morning. He spoke from his experiences as an army psychologist who has studied the effects of desensitizing enlisted soldiers to the idea of killing, and who now is focusing on parallel effects of the media on children.

Grossman said brutal television, movies and video games have the effect of classical and operant conditioning in training some children to act out violently. Based on his research and other data analysis, Grossman made several suggestions, beginning with family decisions and extending to legislative and grassroots efforts, that could reduce exposure to these elements.

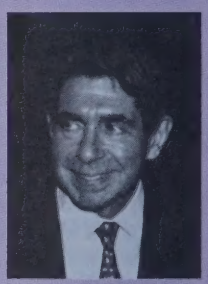
Prothrow-Stith, who authored a ground-breaking book outlining a public health perspective on violence, told conference participants that many risk factors add up to create violent statistics: guns, poverty and income inequality, alcohol and other drug use, a history of family violence, witnessing violence and victimization and social-cultural factors. The "social-cultural" environment is one that breeds a "we" and "they" mentality that in turn fosters callousness towards others, she said.

"There is no more important thing happening in America today than this conference."
– Lt. Col. David Grossman, author of *On Killing: The Psychological Cost of Learning to Kill in War and Society*

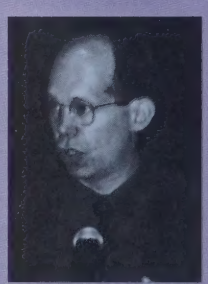
The public health challenge is to create healthy children within a healthy community. There is evidence that violence is not inevitable but preventable.
– Deborah Prothrow-Stith, dean, Harvard University School of Public Health



Peace is very hard work. It doesn't come in days or hours. It takes months and years and decades.
– Oscar Arias, former president of Costa Rica and Nobel laureate



Alex Kotlowitz, best-selling author, discusses his work that focused on poor children and the presence of violence in their lives. He also studied and reported on race relations in a Michiana community in *The Other Side of the River: A story of Two Towns, a Death and America's Dream.*

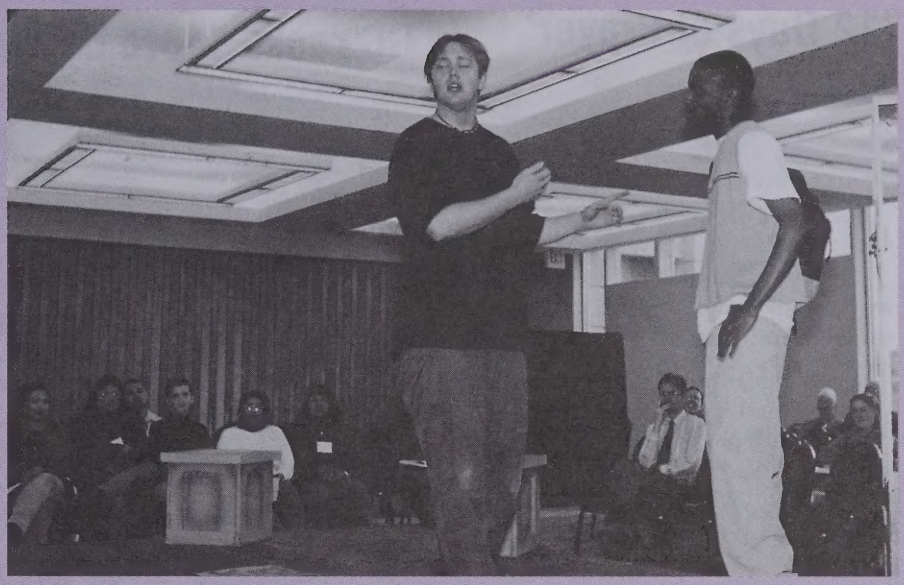


"We have no tolerance for the humanity in the mistakes our children make. As a society we have gotten meaner and meaner. We don't have the skills of getting along – negotiation, compromise and empathy are unpopular," she said. "The unpopularity in society of forgiveness – of something so essential – is striking. We must recognize the power and productivity of forgiveness."

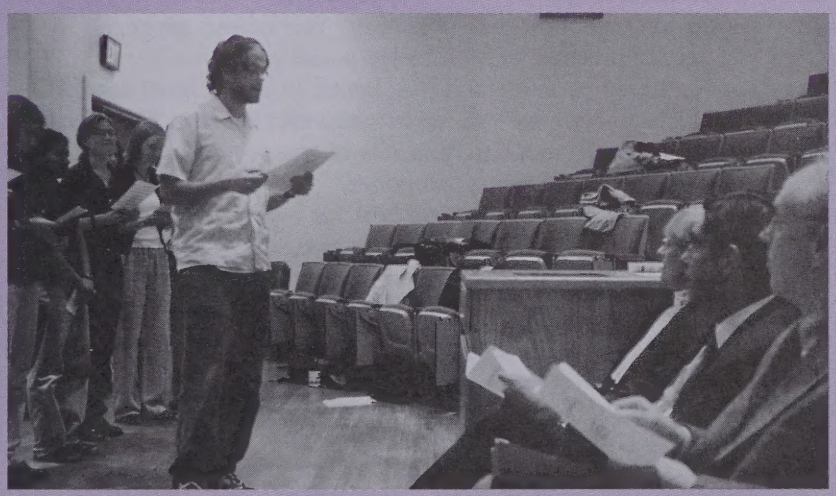
Other seminar topics included implementing school-based peer mediation programs, gang identifiers, partnering schools and community organizations, racial violence, the role of healthcare in stopping the cycle of violence, healing the wounds of violent incidents, and community-based methods for violence prevention.

In planning for more than a year, the conference was funded by Lilly Endowment Inc., which awarded a $200,000 "Strengthening Institutions" grant to GC to develop a peace, justice and conflict studies major; offer the conference at a low cost; and develop conflict mediation initiatives on campus.

— Rachel Lapp



Bridgework Theater actors presented "Night and Day," a play for youth that teaches empathy – a tool that can be used to solve conflicts and cross the economic, social and racial lines that exist in their own schools.



Nobel laureate visits campus

During a two-day campus visit prior to his Yoder Public Affairs Lecture series speech, a "Replacing Fear with Hope" conference keynote, Nobel laureate Oscar Arias (second from right) received a warm welcome from one of Spanish professor Humberto Perez's upper-level classes.

The students, including Jon Hartzler (center) (Sr., Goshen) presented poetry and readings to the former president of Costa Rica. Perez set original lyrics to a Costa Rican folksong that was performed by Erika Smoker (Sr., Goshen), accompanied by Anne Waltner (Jr., Parker, S.D.) at the piano, titled "Oscar Arias … Luchador." Judith Davis (third from right), chair of the modern and classical languages and literatures department, opened the program. Arias was hosted by Perez, International Education Director Wilbur Birky (right) and Janette Yoder, director of special events and past chair of the Yoder Lecture Series committee.

Arias, during a dinner speech prior to the public lecture, said, "I have been in many U.S. colleges and universities, but I have never enjoyed so much any visit as I have at Goshen College. I have never felt so at home … or found so many people interested in and knowledgeable about my country than here at Goshen."

At the dinner, President Showalter presented Arias with a pottery piece stamped with the GC seal, which Arias again acknowledged after delivering his conference keynote. "I just learned that your motto is *Culture for Service* – it is high time for such a motto. You are privileged that you have had such a motto to inspire your students since the turn of the century."

'12 Days of Prayer' observed

GC alumni and friends and the church community again engaged in "12 Days of Prayer for Goshen College" during the Lenten Season.

The prayer schedule March 10-21 was part of activities planned by students and Campus Minister Sylvia Shirk Charles.

The idea for "12 Days of Prayer for GC," which has become an annual event, came from students, President Shirley H. Showalter and members of the President's Council. The prayer requests addressed campus concerns:

- Pray for faculty in their important teaching mission.
- Pray for students and faculty now on SST, those just returned and those preparing to go.
- Pray for President Showalter and President's Council as they provide leadership to GC.
- Pray for prospective students who are making important choices about college.
- Pray for staff who work to keep the college running smoothly.
- Pray for spiritual health and growth of students.
- Pray for congregations, friends and alums who encourage GC through gifts and prayers.
- Pray for respect, open-mindedness and hospitality in student relationships.
- Pray for students about to graduate as they prepare for the future.
- Pray for students who experience social, emotional and physical distress.
- Pray for students as they reach out beyond the campus in witness and service.
- Pray for joy in learning as students develop intellectual skills and knowledge.

— Rachel Lapp

GC ranks 143rd on Yahoo! list

In the wired, wired world, word travels fast. Within hours of the release of Yahoo!'s annual "Most Wired" colleges list, Director of Information Technology Services Michael Sherer's e-mail box was receiving messages pointing out GC was ranked 143rd.

"Goshen College has received plenty of national recognition for its outstanding academic program, but this is our first appearance on the Yahoo! list and we are very honored," said Sherer.

According to GC Provost and Executive Vice President John D. Yordy, GC's inclusion in the list alongside research universities, Ivy League and tech schools and top-dollar liberal arts colleges is no fluke. "We've been working very hard in this area," he said. "All our lab computers are new this past year, our campus and dorms are fully networked, our labs are open 24 hours, we provide high-speed dial-up access for our off-campus users and our faculty and staff are doing some very innovative work with technology – these are the kind of things that get noticed."

Schools eligible for the survey included those classified by the Carnegie Foundation as research and doctoral institutions, schools such as Massachusetts Institute of Technology and others focused on technology, those included in Peterson's Competitive Colleges, public schools with enrollments of at least 15,000 and all schools listed in last year's list of the most-wired schools.

"Over the last three years we have improved technology services dramatically," said President Shirley H. Showalter. "While we are gratified to be included in such a prestigious list, our goal is not to serve technology but use it to serve rigorous academic and socially useful goals. We are idealists in our educational objectives. Technology gives our students and faculty practical ways to solve social problems."

Using data gathered by Peterson's, the leader in educational services and publications, schools were ranked in categories such as Web usage, network speed, hardware availability, levels of free technical and other support and several miscellaneous categories.

GC supplies 14 computers in student labs for every 100 students, meaning 1 in 7 students could be in a lab at one time. Of these, 100 percent have been purchased in the last two years. While all rooms are wired to the campus network, 25 percent had computers connected at the time of the survey, a number that has since grown to 43 percent, said Sherer. Free technical support is offered 16 hours per day, seven days per week, and 18 percent of computers are available "24/7," 24 hours per day and seven days per week.

The college also offers large-print and color laser printing, digital and DV camera checkout, calendar/scheduling services and a suite of intranet services including access to account and course history information.

GC trailed only Indiana University-Bloomington (9th), the University of Notre Dame (23rd) and Wabash College (119th) among schools in Indiana, finishing ahead of Earlham College and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. GC also finished ahead of schools such as Denison (Ohio), Albion (Mich.), Knox (Ill.), Kalamazoo (Mich.), Bryn Mawr (Pa.) and Ohio Northern. No other Indiana schools or members of the Council of Mennonite Colleges were ranked in the top 200, the top 100 of which was dominated by large public schools and technology schools.

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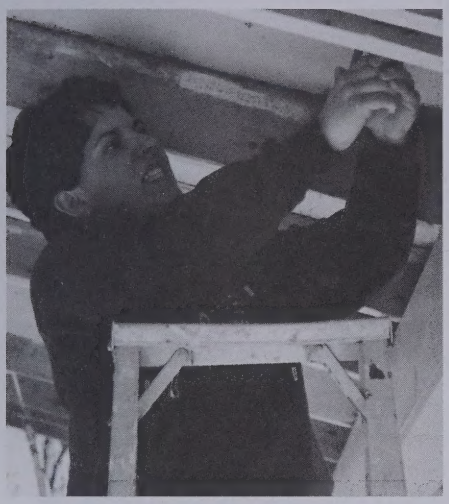

"Service," a word frequently used in connection with GC's mission, also represents a philosophy for GC students who actively participate in volunteering their time and energy year-round.

Twelve such students spent a week working at the Jubilee Partners Intentional Christian Community, Gomer, Ga., during GC's spring break. The community, founded in 1979, provides housing for international refugees and helps them adjust to life in the United States.

Matt Hickman (Sr., Paoli, Ind.) said, "I had a great time. The setting along with daily lectures and discussions provided the impetus for a lot of spiritual reflection."

Hickman found the group discussions profound and challenging. He said Jubilee community members asked students to "examine how our faith and daily lives coincide, in lectures dealing with the Bosnian conflict, the death penalty, Jubilee's outreach to Iraq, simple living and Christian community."

Will Eichelberger (Fr., Colorado Springs, Colo.) was also impressed by the poignancy of the lecture sessions. "[The sessions] opened up our eyes to different viewpoints that have, in the past, been ignored."

The GC students spent the week doing necessary maintenance on the 250-acre property: chopping firewood, mulching bushes, painting and caulking, dusting books, repairing bicycles and planting grass seed. Students also enjoyed getting to know members of the Jubilee community.

By the end of the week, Hickman said, "We all came away with new knowledge about our relationship with God and learned how our decisions can affect others. Many of us now feel a call to examine our lifestyles in order to make do with less 'stuff,' so that we can have time and energy for a stronger spiritual life."

Said Campus Minister Sylvia Shirk Charles, "I think it was an excellent week; the students were deeply inspired by the life of the Jubilee Partners community to think about radical Christianity."

— Anne Berry

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College Advisory Board offers counsel

Offering affirmations and challenges to both church and college, the Conference Advisory Board (CAB) focused on peace education, leadership, campus community, academics and student recruitment and affordability in its February meetings.

CAB gathers annually for two days to offer church perspectives and to hear from college administrators, faculty and students. Members are appointed by church conferences.

CAB called the church to be a model in using mediation when dealing with conflict. Both were encouraged to develop initiatives to deepen commitment to peace, mediation and reconciliation among people as a way of life. The college was encouraged to further incorporate peace education in its core curriculum.

CAB affirmed the continuing spiritual growth on campus, including offerings such as worship teams, small groups, the Ministry Inquiry Program and student assistantships to the campus pastor.

The college was affirmed for its pursuit of academic excellence. Academic Dean Paul Keim has led the faculty in a holistic vision for general education, and the college has expanded off-campus educational opportunities.

The board affirmed congregations that provide funds for students to attend Mennonite colleges and encouraged churches to expand those programs. Pastors were particularly encouraged to be informed about Mennonite colleges and to actively support attendance. CAB praised GC's efforts at keeping its prices well below those of comparable colleges.

— Kathleen Springer, CAB secretary

Campus welcomes choir after historic Carnegie Hall performance

The Palm Sunday solo concert by GC's Chamber Choir will go down in history as the group's debut there. It will also be remembered as the first time that "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" – a hymn often associated with Mennonites – rang out to the furthest balcony in the New York City landmark.

Coming at the end of the a capella choir's solo concert attended by 1,100 people, the song was a fitting tribute to the choir's roots in the Mennonite Church's four-part hymn tradition.

On returning to campus, the 41-member group was welcomed by GC students and faculty bearing signs stating "welcome home" and "Goshen College, ever singing," referring to the college's alma mater. Several students held balloons spelling out "606," the hymn number that signified "Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow" in the former edition of the *Mennonite Hymnal*.

Professor of Music Doyle Preheim, who directs the Chamber Choir, said he hadn't planned on a performance of "606" until the unique request was made.

"During a break in the rehearsals with the mass choir we performed with following our solo concert, the conductor, Paul Oakley of Hartford, Conn., said he knew of Mennonites … and had heard them sing a hymn called 'six-oh-something,' and he wondered if we knew it," said Preheim. "I said yes, we did know it, and he lined up the Chamber Choir in front of the mass choir and had them sing it. He then told us we should perform it during our solo concert."

GC had the only choir invited to perform alone at Carnegie on Palm Sunday after having turned in audition tapes last year to Carnegie's well-known Middle America series, which planned the mass choir performance of Handel's "Messiah."

Dustin Miller (Sr., Goshen), a Chamber Choir tenor, said it was a unique honor to perform at Carnegie Hall. "For many of us, this may be the first and last time we make it there in a performance capacity, so to sing on our own as a choir was a wonderful opportunity."

Adam Tice (Fr., Elkhart, Ind.) said the Chamber Choir gave its best performance of the year during the solo concert. "It was absolutely amazing to sing with this group there," said Tice, a bass. "You looked around and realized the history of the place – Tchaikovsky conducted there, the Beatles did a concert there, and now the GC Chamber Choir has performed there."

The choir's program for the concerts included William Byrd's "Sanctus and Benedictus," Norman Dinerstein's "When David Heard" and Frank Martin's "Mass for Double Chorus," which Preheim characterized as "one of the most difficult pieces I have ever done with a group at GC." Eastern European folksongs also highlighted the program, reflecting GC's longtime international ties through its Study-Service Term, Preheim said.

The choir also performed a piece titled "Set Me as a Seal" by Mennonite composer and GC voice instructor and church music minister Lee Dengler, a composer with a national reputation who has published more than 80 works.

— Rachel Lapp

GC Players present *The Boys Next Door*

The GC Players, in cooperation with Mennonite Disabilities Committee (MDC), presented Tom Griffin's play *The Boys Next Door* as part of the Performing Arts Series in March.

The comedy-drama explored the lives of four psychologically troubled men who live in a group home with their beloved social worker, Jack. The audience was given a window into the daily lives of these men, bearing witness to the humorous and often intense exchanges.

"The play is, in the end, both an admonishment and a celebration of the human spirit as lived through even the most unlikely circumstances," said Communication and Theater Department Chair Doug Liechty Caskey, who directs the GC Players.

In the play, Griffin explored mainstreaming mentally challenged individuals and the issues faced by caregivers. The four men cope with a variety of disorders ranging from developmental disabilities and obsessive behavior to clinical depression. Norman, who works at a doughnut shop, develops an interest in a mentally challenged woman, Sheila; Lucien, unable to read or write, collects volumes of books and encyclopedias; Barry a self-proclaimed golf professional, obsesses over golfing techniques and his relationship with his estranged father; and Arnold, an anxious man who ushers at a local movie theater, longs for a "better life" in Russia.

Each performance was followed by a brief panel discussion, providing opportunities for audience members to direct questions to cast members and MDC volunteers and employees.

In collaborating on this production, MDC hosted GC Players in resident homes as dinner guests on several occasions and residents from the GC-MDC-sponsored Vita House joined the cast at rehearsal for warm-ups and theater games. Caskey said, "The MDC residents have served as inspiration for our character work."

Caskey also noted that MDC Residential Director Gina Leichty "has been instrumental in helping us with the play: answering our questions, preparing for the panel discussion and making sure we were sensitized to issues and concerns related to developmentally disabled people."

— Anne Berry

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Guests and speakers on campus

- Joyce Bontrager Lehman, visiting assistant professor of business, Afternoon Sabbatical series
- Concerto-aria concert, featuring GC Orchestra and student winners of concerto-aria contest, assisted by Tsung Yeh, music director and conductor of the South Bend Symphony Orchestra
- Jeff Gundy '75, English professor at Bluffton (Ohio) College, C. Henry Smith Peace Lecturer
- Julia Kasdorf '85, poet and professor at Messiah College (Pa.), convocation and Electric Brew poetry reading
- Sharon Nelton, senior writer and section editor for *Nations Business* magazine, and Bob and Sue Miller and John Sauder of Dutch Corporation, Family Business Program
- Jennifer Parker, flautist and assistant professor of music, and Marvin Blickenstaff, pianist and professor of music, faculty recital
- Kathy Pingel, Australian scholar and musician
- Stan and Janet Reedy, Afternoon Sabbatical series luncheon
- Sweet Honey in the Rock, Grammy Award-winning vocal group, Performing Arts Series

Miller builds machine for lost wax casting

Jason A. Miller (Fr., Middlebury, Ind.), an art major and intercultural studies minor, has been fascinated by taking objects apart and putting them together for as long as he can remember. Through an independent study jewelry course at GC, Miller combined this knowledge of machinery with the art of lost wax casting.

Miller has spent a lot of time with his father, a

mechanic and maintenance professional who taught his son much of what he knows. "Growing up, I was his apprentice," Miller said. "We fixed wrecked cars, rebuilt engines, renovated houses, repaired tractors and equipment and built our house and shop."

Miller was able to utilize his mechanical know-how by building, from scratch, a time-saving device that enhances the jewelry-making process known as "lost wax casting." This procedure involves making an accurate wax model, enclosing it – or "investing" it – with a plaster-like material, heating this mold to remove the wax and then filling the cavity with molten metal.

It is possible to invest a wax model by hand, a method that easily takes over an hour with a complex shape. With the help of Miller's vacuum investor, the same step can be done in just a few minutes and with greater accuracy.

Associate Professor of Art and Department Chair Judy Wenig-Horswell, who works in lost wax casting at her home studio, told Miller about the vacuum investor, a piece of machinery designed to more efficiently rid investment of air bubbles thereby significantly reducing the amount of time necessary to invest wax pieces.

The total cost for Jason's vacuum investor came to approximately $130, compared to the $750 price tag of a new one.

Wenig-Horswell said, "It is possible to invest more complex shapes and forms because there's less danger of trapping air bubbles in the investment. This results in cleaner cast surfaces and, even more importantly for busy students, takes much less time."

— Anne Berry

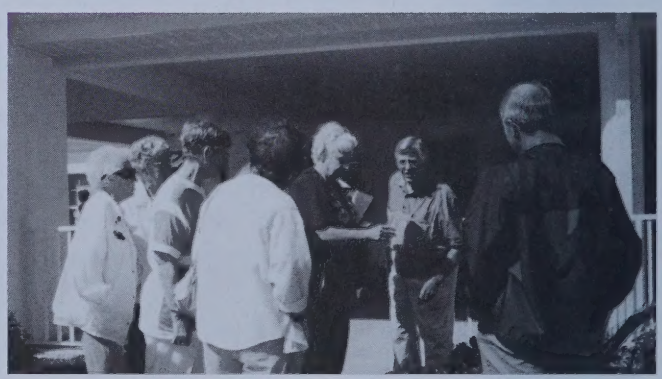
GC-Sarasota opens doors to lifelong learning

GC-Sarasota is now offering retirement-age adults real growth opportunities through its unique Institute for Learning in Retirement – "Your ILR."

The first ILR classes began in March with a grand opening on March 5 and classes for both ILR Charter Members and other interested Sarasota-area residents.

"We're excited about offering this opportunity for lifelong learning to active retired persons in the Sarasota area," said GC-Sarasota Director Jim Miller. "We're calling this 'Your ILR' because we have something extra to offer to our members: the chance to work with others in shaping learning opportunities, with the support of a school that has a 100-year history of offering quality Christian education."

Miller said GC-Sarasota also offers a hands-on approach to learning and easily accessible facilities.



President Shirley H. Showalter said the ILR is an important part of the college's mission to serve a broader population, reaching beyond the traditional college students at its Indiana campus.

It is appropriate that a Christian liberal arts college offer programs to all ages, said Showalter. "President Emeritus J. Lawrence Burkholder once said that 'the reason to get a liberal arts education is to have something to think about for the rest of your life.' We are offering 'something to think about' throughout a lifetime."

ILRs have been in existence for 30 years, and there are currently more than 250 such organizations in North America. ILRs operate in affiliation with a college or university, serving adults in the local community by offering noncredit academic programs geared to their interests and talents.

— Rachel Lapp

Future of liberal arts shines at symposium

The undergraduates were the professors, the lessons were brand new and the classes were held on the weekend as GCers took liberties with their liberal arts education at the first Student Research Symposium.

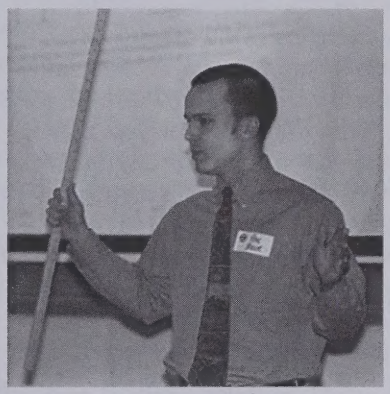
"It was a good experience to switch roles and be a student to the student," said Jo-Ann Brant, associate professor of Bible, religion and philosophy and symposium steering committee member. "The papers were definitely all worth listening to."

With the theme "Celebrating the Liberal Arts," students presented 32 papers throughout the day.

David Mosley, associate professor of music and humanities and chair of the steering committee, called the event a success because of quality presentations, scholarly discourse and the broad spectrum of participation.

The papers, ranging from biblical inductive studies to reports on scientific experiments, represented the liberal arts emphasis on a broad range of knowledge. Most students had written their papers for previous classes.

Rachel Amstutz (Jr., Hillsboro, Kan.) presented her paper to physics majors and professors at the University of Notre Dame last summer at the Physics Research Experience for Undergraduates. She studied the properties of super-conductors, compounds to be used in electronic devices of the future.



Physics major, Pete Byler (So., Washington, Ill.) presents a paper from his summer research on the southern bean mosaic virus.

Amstutz was afraid her presentation, titled "Photoinduced Effects in ZN-Doped Y123," would confuse a GC audience not as well-versed in physics as the Notre Dame group. However, she learned otherwise.

"They asked smart questions, so I could tell they understood," she said.

Matt Hickman (Sr., Paoli, Ind.), who researched Internet chat rooms, prepared his paper exclusively for the symposium and for his own curiosity. "Sometimes I'm not challenged enough by my classwork," he said. "I need to exercise my creative muscles." Hickman enjoyed his subject so much that he is considering continuing the research in graduate school.

Brant said the symposium is good for students because it allows them to generate knowledge even at the undergraduate level. She said students want to do original research, but "there is a tension for undergraduate students of where and how to make a contribution."

The symposium also included two plenary addresses. David Wagner of Northern Illinois University began the day by speaking on "The Liberal Arts as an Evolving Concept," addressing the historical background of liberal arts.

University of Notre Dame professor Doris Bergen completed the proceedings with a speech on the present and future of liberal arts education.

Jason Lehman (Sr., Elkhart, Ind.) chose to listen to presentations in Newcomer Center instead of running up and down the Yoder lawn on a pleasant afternoon. "The research symposium is once a year," he said. "Frisbee is every afternoon."

— Penn Miller, GC Record

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Nursing students join honor society

Nine GC students are among new members inducted into the local chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing during ceremonies held in Mishawaka, Ind., Feb. 20. The Nu Omicron-At Large Chapter, chartered in 1994, is sponsored by the baccalaureate nursing schools of GC, Bethel College (Ind.) and St. Mary's College.

Inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International were GC senior nursing students Angela Amstutz (Warsaw, Ind.), Rachel Dick (Goshen), Julie Fergison (Goshen), Sonia Gingerich (Mason City, Iowa), Jeanine Kaufman (Goshen), Laura Gilbert Moon (Goshen), Michelle Weaver Stoltzfus (Goshen), Theresa Vlas (Bellevue, Mich.) and Donna Warlick (Mishawaka, Ind.).

Sigma Theta Tau International is an organization of nursing leaders, scholars and researchers.

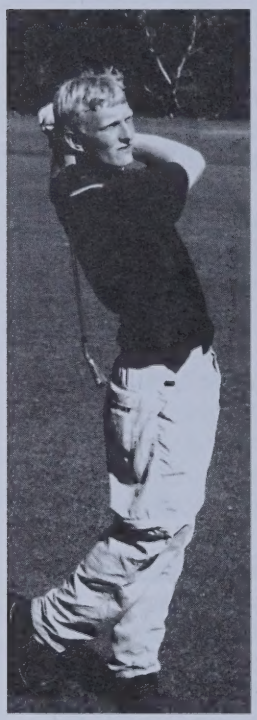
Membership in the society is awarded to undergraduate and postgraduate nursing candidates who demonstrate high scholastic achievement and to graduates of nursing programs who have made outstanding contributions to the nursing profession. Sigma Theta Tau encourages and actively supports further professional development and promotes nursing scholarship, leadership, creativity and commitment to nursing among its members.

Record-setting softball team tops spring sports

Golf

The men's golf team had its most successful season in four years in MCC competition. The Maple Leafs finished in sixth place overall, edging out Huntington and St. Francis. The squad had a 325.8 stroke average in MCC play – the lowest team scoring average in eight seasons.

Jim Neff (Jr., South Bend, Ind.) paced the squad with a 78.42 average, including a low round of one-under-par 71 at the Huntington match. Neff was the only MCC player to break par in a conference match. Ryan Stiffney (Fr., Goshen) (pictured) was a solid presence at No. 2, averaging 79.12, while Michael Yoder (Jr., Union-town, Ohio) averaged 83.53 with a low round of 78. Ben Johnson (Jr., Middlebury, Ind.) averaged 84.89 with a low round of 79.



Softball

Despite a series of injuries, the Maple Leafs broke the school record for wins, finishing the season with a 13-25 record.

Strong pitching played a major role in the Maple Leaf success. Jeri Yoder (Jr., Wayland, Iowa) and Kari Fryar (Jr., Union Mills, Ind.) carried the bulk of the pitching load. Yoder led the squad with a 2.44 ERA, while Fryar had a 2.89 mark.

At the plate, Natalee Lewis (So., Martinsville, Ind.) led the team with a school-record .409 batting average and had 22 RBI. Candy Feare (Fr., Kingsford Heights, Ind.) had three homers and 28 RBI, while Krysten Parson (Fr., Indianapolis) was one of the top defensive catchers in the MCC, throwing out 35 percent of runners trying to steal.

Baseball

The baseball team had an improved pitching staff coming into the 1999 campaign, but a struggling offense left the Maple Leafs with a 14-26 record.

Despite the disappointing season, GC led the Mid-Central College Conference (MCC) in fielding percentage (.962) and broke the school record with 37 double plays.

With only three players batting over .300 on the season, the Leafs relied on strong pitching to win several close games. Tony Riddle (Jr., Middlebury, Ind.) led the team with five victories and a 3.24 earned run average. Joe Butera (Fr., Middlebury, Ind.) and Jacob Payne (Fr., Fowler, Ind.) were other bright spots in the pitching rotation with four wins each.

Josh Littleton (Sr., Remington, Ind.) was the squad's leading hitter, batting .354.

Men's track and field

After a solid indoor season, the men's track and field team continued to excel in the outdoor portion. Kurtis Baumgartner (So., Millersburg, Ind.) won the 400-meter dash at the MCC meet in 49.06 seconds, earning a 32nd-place ranking in the NAIA national statistics. He won the 400 on four separate occasions and anchored the 4x200 relay team, which ran a school-best time of 1:30.64.

Providing the most consistent performances all season long was the throwing crew of Clint Borntrager (Jr., Goshen), Steffen Schrock (Jr., Middlebury, Ind.), Kevin Swartzendruber (Jr., Glen Ellyn, Ill.) and Ryan Friesen (So., Goshen). The group recorded top-three finishes in all but one meet. Borntrager led the squad on five occasions, highlighted by a second-place finish in the hammer at the MCC meet. Borntrager notched a season-best throw of 157 feet and was ranked 13th nationally in the event. Swartzendruber threw 142-8 in the hammer and 117-8 in the discus. Friesen set a school record of 135-1 in the discus, while Schrock earned a 25th-place ranking in the NAIA statistics with a 146-07.

Jim Whittaker (Fr., Elkhart, Ind.) placed third in the 100 hurdles at the MCC Conference meet. Whittaker's 15.34 was good for 32nd in the national statistics.

Women's track and field

Incredible individual performances highlighted the women's track and field campaign. Camila Pflederer (So., St. Louis, Mo.) was a double-winner at the MCC meet, taking the 200- and 400-meter dashes. In the 400, Pflederer set a school record and her 58.13-second clocking was ninth-best in the nation. Pflederer won the 200 and 400 on six separate occasions, including in the 400 at the 17-team Little State Championships.

Katie App (So., Bristol, Ind.) (pictured) earned a national ranking with a leap of 16 feet, 9 inches in the MCC long jump, finishing second. Renee Adkins (Fr., Goshen) set a school record in the hammer. Her 106-5 shattered the mark by three feet. In the relays, Pflederer, App, Anna Leichty (So., Dublin, Ireland) and Mandi Hutchison (Fr., Middlebury, Ind.) earned national recognition (22nd) in the 400-meter relay with a school-record time of 49.93.

— Chris Chamberlin

Pletcher named AD, physical education chair

Ken Pletcher '70 will rejoin the GC faculty as associate professor of physical education, with primary responsibilities as the college's athletic director and physical education department chair.

The Middlebury, Ind., resident will return to campus after 15 years of serving Northridge High School as a teacher, coach and athletic director.

"I see this as a new challenge – a different kind of challenge than working in the public school setting," said Pletcher. "A small church school is where I began, and it has an important place in higher education."

Paul Keim, GC academic dean and vice president for academic affairs, said, "Ken's training and experience make him eminently qualified for this position, and he will serve our students well. Ken's commitment to the integral role of physical education and athletics in the development of the total person in the liberal arts context matches the ideals of GC."

Pletcher was employed at GC from 1972-74, 1976-79 and 1981-82.

"I feel very good about Goshen College, and I look forward to renewing connections with former colleagues and establishing new relationships with students and faculty," Pletcher said.

Pletcher received his master's degree in physical education from Indiana University in 1978.

— Rachel Lapp

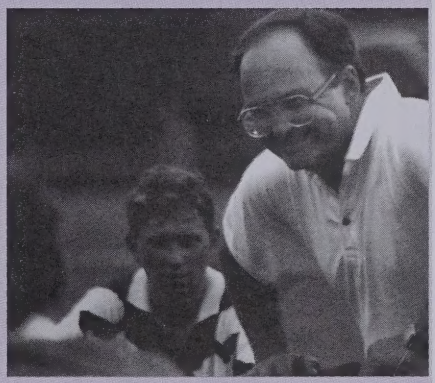
Hartzler inducted into Soccer Hall of Fame

GC men's soccer coach Dwain Hartzler joined a distinguished list of people in the sport when he was inducted into the Indiana Soccer Hall of Fame in March in Indianapolis. Hartzler joined three others in this year's inductee group.

Touting an impressive 239-148-22 record in 23 seasons at GC, Hartzler won the District 21 and Mid-Central College Conference championships 10 times. He has also coached 83 all-MCC and 82 all-District players, 13 NAIA All-Americans, eight National Soccer Coaches of America Association All-Americans and 32 NAIA All-American Scholar-Athletes.

Hartzler established the GC summer camp in 1984, which provides instruction to over 200 boys and girls in grades kindergarten through nine and the Goshen Youth Soccer Association in 1985 in which 700 youth now participate.

His dedication to the sport also stretches to the national and international levels. He served as NAIA District 21 Chair from 1978 to 1985 and was elected to the NAIA



executive committee in 1985, serving as president from 1988 to 1991. From 1987 to 1991, he served as chair of the Soccer for International Special Olympics and in this capacity attended the Seoul Olympics in 1988.

Hartzler's impact on local soccer is also evident by the long list of former players coaching in the high school ranks. Several former players coach in successful out-of-state programs; two more are at the collegiate level.

— Chris Chamberlin

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Smith named All-American

Senior center Rachel Smith was named NAIA All-American Honorable Mention and all-MCC first-team after an outstanding 1998-99 season. Smith is believed to be the first GC basketball player ever to receive All-American status.

Smith led the Maple Leaf squad to a 17-10 record – the most wins in over 10 seasons of GC women's basketball. She averaged 18 points and 10 rebounds while setting the school record for field goal percentage (.606). She also produced 13 double-doubles.

During her two-year career, Smith etched her name into 15 GC season and career record categories, including the top slot in season rebounds with 286. She also totaled 906 points and 533 rebounds, both of which rank in the top 10 in career rankings.

Men's cagers named Scholar-Athletes

Men's basketball players Mark Landes (Sr., West Liberty, Ohio), Monroe Yoder (Sr., Topeka, Ind.) and Nick Cook (Jr., Ligonier, Ind.) were selected to the NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete team for 1998-99. Landes, Yoder and Cook were the largest group to represent MCC schools, and the third largest in the nation.

Cook, a natural science major, was one of 10 student-athletes in the country to maintain a cumulative 4.00 GPA.

To receive an All-America Scholar-Athlete award, juniors and seniors must maintain a 3.50 accumulative GPA or higher and be a member of the varsity squad.

Johnson named to all-MCC team

Junior guard Ben Johnson received second-team All-MCC basketball honors after helping the Leafs to an 18-16 record this past season. He totaled 593 points, the third highest total in single-season history and averaged 18.1 points per contest.

4,000 celebrate 'Growing Up'

An enchanting Japanese tea ceremony, rich German desserts, African hair braiding and a joyful maypole dance were all part of the 1999 Ethnic Fair.

This year's theme was "Growing Up Around the World – Observing Life's Special Times." Community underwriters were Farm Bureau Credit Union and KeyBank.

GC's 11th Ethnic Fair was part of the finale of the year-long 30th anniversary celebration of GC's Study-Service Term and included a sell-out evening concert by the internationally renowned vocal group Sweet Honey in the Rock.

The Ethnic Fair, attended by 4,000 annually, is a celebration of the ethnic roots of GC and Michiana residents. The Ethnic Fair's mission is to celebrate the rich diversity of international cultures and develop an understanding of the uniqueness of these various traditions, according to GC Director of Special Events Janette Yoder, who chairs the Ethnic Fair steering committee.

More than 50 ethnic groups were represented this year through 25 international café food booths, 25 country exhibits, 20 multicultural music and dance performances, game tent activities and an international shopping bazaar. More than 150 community and GC volunteers annually plan and staff the Ethnic Fair.

"Since the tradition of holding an Ethnic Fair began more than 10 years ago, the goal was always to provide an occasion that celebrates the rich diversity among us while building community," said Yoder. "The Ethnic Fair is also a day of learning and fun for area school children, offering multicultural experiences as they work through an activity guide. This year, the activity sheet was a growth chart that each child could take home, decorated with beautiful stamps from each country."

— Rachel Lapp

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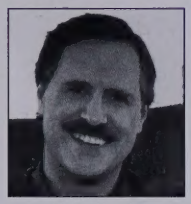
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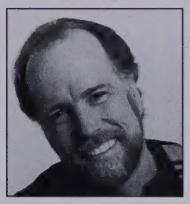
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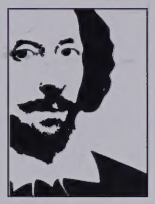
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Sept. 5-28 Art exhibit: "Ted Springer: Sculpture & Drawing; Tim Dyck: Prints & Games." Reception Sept. 5, 2-4 p.m., Art Gallery

Sept. 7 Afternoon Sabbatical: "Europe's Heartland: Sites and Sounds of Bohemia and Moravia," David Mosley, associate professor of music and humanities, 1 p.m., Umble Center.

Sept. 10 Concert: opening act of Performing Arts Series: Tom Chapin and John McCutcheon, 7 and 9 p.m., Umble Center.

Sept. 14 Yoder Public Affairs Lecture Series: Jim Wallis, editor in chief of *Sojourners*. 8 p.m., Umble Center.

Sept. 28 Shakespeare Express, *Merchant of Venice,* Noon and 7:30 p.m., Umble Center.

October

Oct. 1-3 Alumni Weekend, see page 19 for details.

Oct. 2 Concert, part of Performing Arts Series: "Musical Extravaganza by GC Music Department and Alumni." 8:30 p.m., Union.

Oct. 1-27 Art Exhibit: "John Blosser: Paintings and Drawings," with reception Oct. 1, 6-9 p.m., Art Gallery.

Oct. 5 Afternoon Sabbatical: John D. Roth, professor of history and director of Mennonite Historical Library, 1 p.m., Umble Center.

Oct. 8 Yoder Public Affairs Lecture Series: Johnetta Cole, Presidential Distinguished Professor, Emory University, 8 p.m., Umble Center.

October, continued

Oct. 14-16 Conference: "Mennonites and the Family: Vision and Reality." See page 32 for details.

Oct. 15-17 Stratford Theater Trip. See page 20 for details.

Oct. 23 Patty Larkin concert. Time and place to be announced

November

Nov. 2-Dec. 1 Art Exhibit: Ken Hiebert, Eric Yake Kenagy visting artist, with reception Nov. 2, 8 p.m., Art Gallery.

Nov. 6-7 Parents Weekend

For information and tickets, call (219) 535-7566.

Yoder Public Affairs Lecture Series

Four guests will visit campus during the 1999-2000 school year as part of the Yoder Public Affairs Lecture Series. Mark your calendar to hear the following speakers:

Sept. 14	Jim Wallis, Editor in chief of *Sojourners*
Oct. 8	Johnnetta Cole, Presidential Distinguished Professor, Emory University
Nov. 9	Steve Kreider Yoder, Chief of the San Francisco Bureau of *The Wall Street Journal*
May 9	Hylke Trompe, Dutch Peace Activist

Performing Arts Series

For information about the 1999-2000 Performing Art Series, for which Tom Chapin and John McCutcheon, Rhythm and Brass, the South Bend Symphony, campus performers and others have already been confirmed, call (219) 535-7566 after Aug. 1.

Carnegie Hall, "606" and Silence

by President Shirley H. Showalter

"Too bad the whole campus could not be here," I thought, as I looked around the vast hall full of people from many parts of the U.S. We were in Carnegie Hall, where musical legends have been made and where the GC Chamber Choir was about to perform solo.

You can read about that magnificent concert inside. After vigorous, sustained applause filled the hall and many eyes filled with tears from the beauty of the music, Professor Doyle Preheim stepped toward the audience, and said, "Maestro Oakley, conductor of the *Messiah* mass choir, has asked us to perform one more piece.

"We will sing an anthem version of 'Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow.' Those of you from Goshen will recognize this song as '606.'"

Ever since that Palm Sunday afternoon, when our communal, four-part a capella singing tradition burst in an expected encore, questions about music and meaning have lingered in my mind. What is it about music that communicates to "all creatures here below," and what is it about GC music that makes it a sacred trust?

I have remembered words from French philosopher and activist Simone Weil in her book *Waiting for God*:

"God created through love and for love. . . . He created beings capable of love from all possible distances. Because no other could do it, he himself went to the greatest possible distance. This infinite distance between God and God, this supreme tearing apart, this agony beyond all others, this marvel of love, is the crucifixion. . . .

"This tearing apart, over which supreme love places the bond of supreme union, echoes perpetually across the universe in the midst of the silence, like two notes, separate yet melting into one, like pure and heart-rending harmony. This is the Word of God. The whole creation is nothing but its vibration. When human music in its greatest purity pierces our soul, this is what we hear through it. When we have learned to hear the silence, this is what we grasp more distinctly through it."

Weil's words suggest a place beyond musical notes, a place of pure being in the heart of God. That place is silence. Watch a conductor wait a moment before the first down beat or before relaxing hands and body at the end. These are moments which prepare us to listen deeply to silence.

In the great experiences of our lives we can, if we are ready, experience God's love as God experienced it in Christ, in the flesh. The universe is held together by this love. Weil implies that we can hear this silent love with our human ears and that our ability to hear this silence, both actual and metaphorical, can be learned.

That's where GC and this great mystery come together. Our alma mater's refrain begins "Goshen College ever singing . . ." and it ends "alma mater we love you." We understand these thoughts at the most basic conscious level. As we prepare to sing together in a new concert hall, two and a half years from now, may we learn to comprehend them even more deeply.

GC students are learning to hear the silence today in many ways – spontaneous hymn sings on the Kulp Hall balcony, a new multicultural choir, Voices-n-Harmony, and a Spanish-language group called Raíces, which raised $900 for victims of Hurricane Mitch. Students participate in music in class, chapel and a myriad of vocal and instrumental co-curricular and curricular opportunities.

When alumni talk about the college, they often speak of music in a special tone. They tell what it was like to hear Walter Yoder lead the "Gloria Patri" at the end of chapel and how they remember Mary K. Oyer's fine arts course all their lives.

Whether old or young, GC students and alumni learn the universal language of music because they hear and make so many particular kinds of music, and they associate their deepest thoughts and feelings with music. When our faculty and staff do their jobs well, students also hear the silence underneath both sound and sense.

In one sense, then, my wish came true at Carnegie Hall. You were all there. You were there in the silence.

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Student Perspectives on Peace and Justice

Drawing Venn circles in the student paper

It's a Venn diagram of sorts. In one circle are written opinions. They've been around for a long time – Martin Luther, after all, made some noise when he nailed his theses to the door in Wittenberg, and editorial cartoons predate United States independence.

In the other circle are students at a college like GC, long known for expressing idealistic feelings which combine a life of Christian discipleship with a commitment to the broadest peace and justice issues.

At GC, those circles overlap in many places, including classroom essays and the often active Opinion Board. But perhaps the most common – and certainly the most public – arena for opinions is the student newspaper.

In those weekly *Record* pages, the section that typically creates the strongest feelings, and yes, the most consternation, for students, faculty, staff and administration, is the Perspectives pages. Typically two pages, this section of student editorials, cartoons and columns on life gives space to issues ranging from personal beliefs and struggles to reports on worldwide concerns.

In this issue of the *Bulletin*, you'll find a collection of commentary from the past school year, all of which was published in the *Record's* Perspectives or opinion pages. To preserve the integrity and originality of the students' writings, we did little editing – occasionally providing context with a parenthetical note, correcting an errant typo or factual mistake or shaving a few lines here and there for space purposes. Overall, the writings appear as they were published in the *Record*, complete with a few warts and shots directed at GC and its administration. Our choice of columns wasn't based on which papers might get an "A" in class (though most would have). Rather, our goal was to share a variety of writers and subjects. We think they represent a cross-section of campus, and – contrary to the tent-dwellers in Luke Jordan's (So., Goshen) published cartoon at left – these students do know what they are talking about.

Luke Jordan

The cover art is by Sarah Kingsley '99. Though not a published item from the *Record*, it offers the kind of insight demonstrated by our writers. Her work is a tribute to "the many women throughout Latin America who have faced the challenges of living in a world of hardship, poverty, terror and oppression," she said at the time of her senior show last December. "They have turned to age-old traditions of weaving as a way to better their situations. Their weavings are transforming their lives and giving these women hope for the future."

Thanks for this issue go to each of the writers who granted us permission to use the columns, along with *Record* editors Amy Gingerich '99 (fall) and Thomas Bona '99 (spring) and Perspective page editors Lisa K. Koop '99 (fall) and Laura S. Kanagy (Sr., Leola, Pa.) (spring).

Lyle Miller

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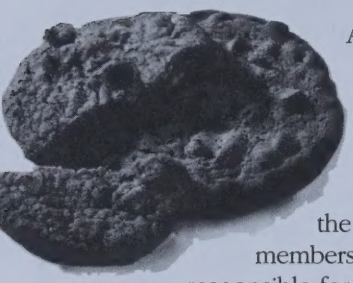
A whole summer of experience – and a little 'River' water, too

They hail from Indiana, Iowa and India, and all were enticed by St. Louis and other opportunities GC's public relations office offered summer interns. Not of the coffee-fetching, photocopying variety – though there was plenty of coffee drinking and perhaps one trip for toner – our summer interns were assigned graphic design, writing, photography, Web content, media and public relations and research projects. In addition, they took up paint brushes and push pins toward the cause of helping GC "Come to the River" at St. Louis '99, theme and site of this year's Mennonite convention. Their majors vary: communication, computer science, art – but all proved to be good hires, excellent assistants and uncommon individuals.

PERSPECTIVES

Kingdom of heaven found in charred morsels

By Amos Kratzer



At Vita House we like our chocolate chip cookies a little on the dark side. Recently the Vita House members were responsible for adding four dozen cookies to the refreshment selection at a benefit concert. Unfortunately, because of the deceptive power of appearances, we had the privilege of carrying most of our cookies back home to our own kitchen again.

Once a year the Mennonite Disabilities Committee (MDC) hosts a benefit concert in the Church-Chapel. This year the evening featured the South Bend (Ind.) Vesper Chorale and the MDC Shalom Ringers, of which Vita House resident Matt Troyer is a member.

The evening worship service was indeed a beautiful experience. The Vesper Chorale sang a few numbers, and then our attention shifted to the balcony.

The Shalom Ringers were positioning themselves. I distinctly remember sitting near the back of the sanctuary, laughing as the bell choir opened with a giant chord. The sound that reached my trained ears told me that one stray bell had found life and expression despite a printed rest in the score.

My laughter did not erupt in mockery or from embarrassment. Quite honestly, I was beside myself with pride. I know that to the Lord's ears those bells chimed beautifully. The Shalom Ringers were real.

The anticipation in Matt Troyer's face illuminated the whole sanctuary as he stood, poised, gripping his "C" bell and his "D" bell, ready for the conductor's cue.

With every thrust of his forearm, Matt rang his bells with zeal. If there was ever a question about whether or not to ring his bell, Matt seized the opportunity and gave his bell a good ring.

The piece soon ended, and the congregation burst into applause. The warm affirmation from the audience was well-received. One of the ringers motioned for a standing ovation. Not one of the performers sat down without a sense of accomplishment.

The people sitting in the pews were not clapping because they chose to compromise on musical standards. They were clapping to affirm the bell choir that had put forth its best effort.

Afterward, I reflected. Is there anything inherently wrong with trying to cultivate excellence? Is there anything wrong with trying to live a life that meets Jesus' expectations? What are Jesus' expectations anyway?

Playing "perfect" music for church services and living "perfect" lives for Christ seems like a pretty exclusive art. Was the church established for the perfect?

Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners" (Matt. 9:12-13). Yet the church has not always been overly kind to the marginalized, the rejects of society. The church is not the first place the morally offensive seek refuge.

Surprisingly, it was often people on the edges who gravitated to Jesus. The pious Pharisees were the ones who stood on the perimeter and thought Jesus bizarre, to say the least.

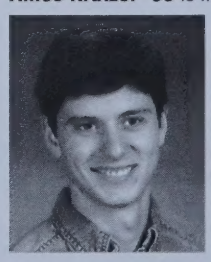
How refreshing it was to sit on that church pew and applaud the MDC bell ringers. Does Christ's church also offer applause, healing and hope to all of our imperfections as well? Jesus set the standard. Matthew 5:48 reads, "Be perfect, therefore, as your Heavenly Father is perfect."

As musicians we are not called to lower our musical standards. As followers of Christ we are not obliged to compromise high standards of living for the sake of inclusion. Regardless of what we presume about our own moral integrity, we all fall into the imperfect category by Jesus' standards.

Yet, paradoxically, in the kingdom of God there are no undesirables. Jesus said, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost" (Luke 19:10).

Let us not too quickly forget the purpose for God entering this world. At Vita House there are times when we burn our cookies. Matt and I smile at each other as we sit at the kitchen table and reach for yet another toasted delicacy, masking its hints of carbon in a cool glass of milk.

Amos Kratzer '99 *is from Kidron, Ohio. During the 1998-99 school year, the education major lived with three other students and two residents at Vita House, the college's joint venture with Mennonite Disabilities Committee.*



PERSPECTIVES

Lessons on the way back from nowhere

By Scott Garvin

It is impossible to describe to someone who's never been in prison exactly what goes through your head. When the bars slam behind you, they make a very distinct sound, an unforgettable sound. No matter how hard you try, no matter how long you live, the sound never goes away. Along with the sounds are the smells: body odor so distinct it sinks into your bright orange clothing, putrid and acidic, a reminder of lives gone sour.

The first time you walk down the long row of cells, you can feel the eyes upon you, digging at your soul, searching for a weakness, waiting to exploit any that they find.

The first time you walk down the long row of cells, you can feel the eyes upon you, digging at your soul, searching for a weakness, waiting to exploit any that they find. Instantly a mental block goes up and you try to hide your fear, but any experienced convict will tell you that it doesn't do any good. They see right through you.

When I first stepped into the hall, I tried these methods. But being distracted by having to carry all of my "worldly goods" (that being my sleeping mat, my bedding, a pillow and a torn paper sack that held my toothbrush and cigarettes), I could not compose myself very well. I tried not to look in the other cells I passed, but that's like trying not to look at an accident. I looked, and they stared back. All of them wondered who the "new meat" was and if he was tougher than they were.

I wasn't tough. I had been a star swimmer and football player in high school, but that meant nothing in prison. At such a place, you need to be good with a shank or at hand-to-hand to mean anything. Being able to protect yourself from being raped is the business of the day. Guarding your "house," your 8-foot by 8-foot cell shared with at least one other inmate, is another daily activity that can never be lax.

Oddly enough, a strong alliance must be made with your "roomie" in order to make this possible. George was from Fort Wayne and I know that city pretty well. We got along and watched each other's backs. He was doing time on a drug charge – nothing serious – and it was his first time down. I knew he would be all right. He knew I would be okay after he found out I was down for drinking and driving.

George was a better roommate than the guy next door. His name was Six-nine, because he was six feet, nine inches tall. A brute of a man, he got his way with everything. And I do mean everything. It was nothing new to hear Six-nine's cell mates screaming in the middle of the night. Six-nine was not a rapist, but he liked to smoke and if he didn't have any cigarettes, neither would you.

I was glad I got George. He was nice and relatively educated, so we could read books and discuss them together. Reading made up the main part of our days and nights, while most people played cards or gambled with their cigarettes in some fashion or other. I didn't like to gamble there because someone would eventually get mad, and a fight would ensue. This would bring the COs (Correctional Officers) to lock us down for several hours, if not for the whole day.

It was right after one of our many lock down periods when something happened which became a memory that plagues me to this day. Late one night none of us could sleep since we had been locked down early and most of us slept all day.

Night is a bad time when memories of the outside creep back into your head. This makes you lonely; it makes you think. I was thinking about how I had ended up in a place like this when the screaming started. A man several cells down was screaming at the top of his lungs, "C-O! C-O! Help me! He's going to kill me!"

But they never came; they never did. The poor guy just kept yelling for them until his voice gave out. He kept screaming even though he was being slammed up against the bars of his cell. You could hear the noise plain as day and you could picture what was happening; it's a picture I still carry in my head. Just like the sounds, it never goes away.

During this episode, my thoughts delved even deeper into how I had gotten this far. What had I done to deserve this? Had God forsaken me, or had I forsaken God? At the time, sitting in prison, it was easy to blame God for turning His back on me.

In retrospect, however, I think of the times when I was drunk and I didn't kill anyone. I could have done so easily and not even have known about it. I was interred for drinking and driving several times. And it would have been fitting to have killed someone, considering the way I had run my life.

"That's why I'm here," I finally

figured out. It's because I did *not* kill anyone. I had been given a second chance, although I had to learn a lesson first. And this place was where I was to learn my lesson. How far did I want to travel down the road going nowhere?

I had been drinking ever since I could remember. It was a part of life growing up. But had I grown up? I don't think so, not until I got to this place. I was at a fork in the road. A decision had to be made and now was the time to make it. While I could still hear that man screaming for help I could not give him, I decided to take full advantage of this gift of a second chance at life. Not the life I had before, but a life full of happiness and sobriety. A life that would never lead me back to prison!

Time passes, although a little slower when you are "down state," but it passes just the same. I eventually got out and got my life in order. I'm writing this three and a half years after my prison time and still my thoughts haunt me. Every once in a while, the urge to drink begins to creep up on me, but all I have to do is remember the guy screaming and the urge goes away.

My sobriety is very important to me now, and I will not allow a day to pass without thanking God for this very special gift of life. Do I consider it a gift? Every day, my friends, every day.

***Scott Garvin '99** of Goshen majored in English. He was a finalist in the 1998 C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest for a speech titled "Silent Killers: The Global Effects of Landmines."*

PERSPECTIVES

Listening for the voice of peace

By Ryan Friesen

This past weekend (second week of February 1999) I returned from Dayton, Ohio, where I attended a Model United Nations conference.

I learned about the impact of even the smallest misused word. Once, a U.S. representative thoughtlessly referred to Middle Eastern nations as "small." Immediately the representative from Jordan demanded that the United States no longer refer to countries as "small" even though they may be geographically smaller. We Americans often let our power and influence go to our heads.

The United States actually has little respect for the institution that was formed within its own borders immediately after World War II. This disrespect was painfully evidenced in the blatant disregard the United States showed for the opinions and policies of other U.N. members in the last bombing mission in Baghdad.

What I learned about diplomacy and tact in Ohio is transferable to my life in Goshen. I have always strived to better understand where people are coming from and what they have to offer. The conference helped me realize how ineffective the United States has been in doing this, choosing rather to make a show of its military power.

I believe that the United States as well as GC students are more supremacist than we like to admit. This is obvious in our offensive chalkings and the relentless, almost unconscious, racial comments that I hear far too often in the cafeteria and behind closed doors.

I am convinced that those who perpetrate the slurs and jokes are the least informed about the issues or people they belittle. With the position we as U.S. citizens occupy, though, there is simply no excuse for this insensitivity and ignorance. We have the privilege and responsibility to be educated both globally and locally.

"Knowledge is power," but it is also peace. Ignorance breeds fear; fear turns to hate. The progression has happened many times throughout history, but it works in reverse, too. With at least a sincere openness to learn, one is able to see the faces behind the misconceptions. Applying all this to modern situations, I see many people at home and abroad who neither take the time nor have the desire to stop hating and start listening.

The members of the United Nations are supposed to listen to all the voices in the world. Neither the United States nor Iraq have done much listening in the past few years. Both have overstepped the bounds of U.N. ideals and therefore made peace almost impossible. Peace is also impossible in our little world without the willingness to listen and learn.

***Ryan Friesen** is a sophomore collegiate studies major from Goshen. He attended the Model U.N. conference as part of a group organized by J. Robert Charles, assistant professor of history.*

PERSPECTIVES

Campus voices respond to "Replacing Fear with Hope" violence prevention conference

A salute toward change and healing

By Liz Lewis

My introduction to Mennonite culture, and specifically to pacifism, came to me through the novel *Peace Shall Destroy Many* by Rudy Wiebe. The story, set in Canada during the 1940s, addresses the struggle to keep community boundaries closed during a decade of war.

Five years have passed since then, years in which I have become more familiar with Mennonite culture and have come to understand the continuing struggle of Mennonites to be "in the world but not of the world."

I was therefore surprised to walk into chapel and be saluted by Lt. Col. David Grossman. At a peace conference organized by Mennonites, the last person I expected as a keynote speaker was an officer from the U.S. military, an officer who exclaimed, "I am proud to be an American. I am proud to be a soldier."

I applaud GC for exposing us to speakers who represent a wide variety of backgrounds and beliefs, for listening to those who might not be pacifists, but who are, nonetheless, committed to preventing violence. Like Wiebe's book illustrated, it is not through separation that we find change and healing. Rather, by joining together with those who are outside of our community we will uncover solutions that will indeed "replace fear with hope."

Blood on the columbine

By Bryce Miller

The columbine is a bluish-purple flower which sits about four inches off the acidic soil of the Rocky Mountain highlands, which dot the front range, which forms the western boundary of the Denver Metro area. This idyllic natural setting, however, is no longer what we associate with this name.

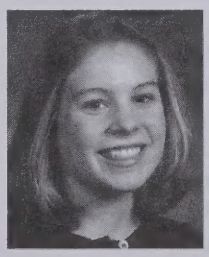
The flowers have been soaked in blood.

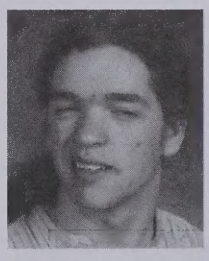
For me, the incident at Columbine High School comes especially close to home. I lived about eight miles from that school this summer (1998) as part of the Ministry Inquiry Program. I related to those who teach in that same system. I knew them, learned from them and lived with them in an experience that intertwines our lives. My heart is there.

I understand what the glib reporters mean by "small, caring community," and I grieve with them – for their peers, for their town, for their innocence. Additionally, I am forced to think as an educator, "what am I going to do?"

I will be the one in the classroom in August. Reality is an ugly beast. I will – not may – have to deal with a firearm in my classroom sometime. I will have these mafioso in all their shapes and forms in my classroom. I will be called on to act, to be part of the web which can either hold up or dismantle other incidents just like this one.

Here is where we must step out of the classroom and into the Coliseum – the place of testing and proving. We have conferred and done the important work of answering "why" and "how." We now need to step from problematizing to practice, from fear to functionality, from lacking the knowledge of what to do, to loving all those around us in order to prevent having anything like this from happening again, not just in schools, but everywhere.





***Seniors Liz Lewis** and **Bryce Miller** were two of the more than 700 people who attended the conference, "Replacing Fear with Hope: Violence Prevention in Our Communities," at GC in April. Liz, a social work major and a member of the 1998-99 GC worship teams, is from Ibb, Yemen. Bryce, who will do his student teaching this fall while living at the Urban Life Center in Chicago, is from Orrville, Ohio.*

PERSPECTIVES

With liberty and justice – but not for all

By Obed Diener

Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!

— from Emma Lazarus' poem inscribed on the Statue of Liberty

Lady Liberty emblematically raises her torch directly east toward Europe – not Africa or Asia, and certainly not south, towards Mexico and Central America. The nearest resemblance to the torch on the United States' southern border is the row of flood-lights illuminating the Rio Grande, assisting the border patrol to apprehend Hurricane Mitch's "homeless, tempest-tost" and others making their way north.

I spent last year (1998) in Mennonite Voluntary Service in the Rio Grande Valley of south Texas, serving undocumented immigrants incarcerated in the custody of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. I worked with a nonprofit immigration law project called ProBAR. This organization deals primarily with refugees who have fled persecution of some kind in their countries and can only hope to avoid deportation by applying for asylum in immigration court. I also helped with a project to educate all INS detainees about the procedures of immigration court hearings and the few possible forms of relief available to certain immigrants.

One does not become an immigration law expert in a year, and I don't want to pretend to have a comprehensive understanding of the system. I also will not pretend to fully grasp the hardships, terror and rampant discrimination that undocumented immigrants face in this country. Only an immigrant can tell that story.

That said, I would like to bear witness to the small window into the immigrant experience that I encountered. Hopefully this will encourage an informed discussion of both the broader forces at work in driving individuals across the border and what the U.S. legal system does to those individuals once they arrive.

I believe that every resident of this country needs to recognize the shortcomings of the social and legal structures that currently exist. First, I cannot emphasize enough that institutionalized poverty is at the root of illegal immigration. Most inhabitants of Mexico and Central America are either barely getting by or not getting by at all. At the doorstep of the United States – only a few blocks from the border in many cities – people are living in garbage dumps or shanty-towns, with no prospect of economic advancement.

As long as these woeful conditions persist, no amount of militaristic border surveillance will keep people from trying their chances in a country as wealthy as ours. The most effective way to control immigration is to fight poverty, not poor people.

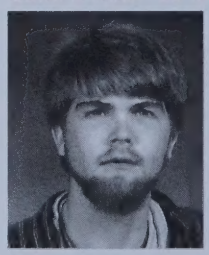
Second, legal immigration to the United States is an option reserved for the wealthy, or close relatives of U.S. citizens or legal residents. Work visas are generally not available for the poor. No one can enter this country legally without first demonstrating that he or she has no incentive to stay permanently. Many immigrants try every possible legal route before making this harsh discovery. Illegal immigration happens when legal immigration is an impossibility.

Third, simply having lived in the United States a few years in no way entitles people to legal permission to reside or work here. Undocumented immigrants don't willfully avoid paying taxes, nor do they collect welfare. They do what they can to survive – pick onions, work in factories or clean houses – and often for less than minimum wage. They are trapped indefinitely in a situation they are powerless to improve, one that deprives them of most legal and human rights that U.S. citizens take for granted.

This is the bleak reality for undocumented immigrants in the United States – five million in number, by INS estimates. These people have chosen one form of oppression over another and are making the best of it, while the elites in our country flippantly accuse "illegal aliens" of laziness, ignorance and disrespect for the laws.

We who profess concern for social justice have the responsibility to educate ourselves about this reality and look for ways of walking beside those who are in its clutches – in our community, in broader U.S. society and across the southern border.

Obed Diener '99 *is a senior English major from Harrisonburg, Va. He completed voluntary service in south Texas in December 1998. This summer he served as a Spanish interpreter for Elkhart County courts.*



PERSPECTIVES

For Indonesia: A lament and a prayer

By Ezra Nugroho

During the first morning of midterm break I had a 50-minute call to my family in Semarang, Indonesia. I was excited because I could call while my family members – my dad, mom and sister – were at home. We started the conversation with some formalities like how we were doing, how my sister's and my studies were and so on.

Shifting gears, we then talked about my plans for next semester. Conversation moved to my sister's desire to study at GC after she finishes high school and my plans to go home next summer.

Then came the most poignant topic. We talked about the economic and political condition of our country.

As I laid my phone in its cradle, tears dropped from my eyes. I had two reasons for crying. First, I was touched by my parents' serious efforts to keep me studying full-time at GC. I know it's not easy for them to provide me with much money. The Indonesian monetary exchange rate has been very low compared to the United States dollar; hence, tuition is extremely expensive. The Indonesian economic condition is also very weak. Prices have increased three to 10 times in only a year.

Secondly, I felt sad about Indonesia's severe hardships. I began to think about what had happened since I left my country last year. I couldn't believe that in one year Indonesians lost almost all of what we had gained in the past three decades. I felt so sad because I couldn't see what really happened there with my own eyes. Worse yet, I couldn't do anything to help.

Everything occurred so quickly and dramatically that many people believe God is punishing Indonesia. Our condition is as bad as Israel's when God punished it in biblical times.

The night before I called home, a 17-year-old high school girl named Martadinata Haryono (Ita) was brutally killed in Jakarta. She was found slaughtered and stabbed in her throat, heart, liver and elsewhere, with her hands tied with cords.

The police have treated the murder as an ordinary crime. They say the murderer was her neighbor, Otong. But everybody knows that it was not an ordinary crime, and that Ita's real murderers haven't been caught yet.

Otong is just a scapegoat pegged by the police.

Everybody knows that Ita was killed by a very systematic group that also organized the rapes and the riots that occurred on May 14 and 15. The rapes and riots were a response against Chinese shopkeepers who the public perceive as responsible for the rapid inflation and rising prices. While the government denies it, Romo Sandyawan Sumardi, the leader of a rape victim advocacy group, claims that at least 168 women were raped during these riots. The government says as long as no witness testifies, the rapes can't be proven. Newspapers frequently report that rape victims and those who assist them continue to receive threats from an unknown organization that wishes to silence them.

Ita was a volunteer who helped care for the rape victims. Along with her mother, Wiwin, and four victims, she was planning to come to the United States to testify to the United Nations.

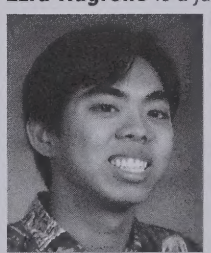
The book of Lamentations again comes to my mind: "Oh Jakarta, why do you rape your own daughters, why do you kill your own princess?"

I must ask, why does God punish Indonesia? Who sinned? Is this former President Suharto's sin? Is this the government's sin? Is this the rioters' sin? They were just uneducated people who were exploited by the powerful elite. Why must the sins of a few people bring ruin to the whole country?

Right now, I am not really looking for physical help, like food or money, to be sent to Indonesia. This is not because we don't need such help, but because we need something more than that.

We need people who are willing to spend time and pray for those abandoned people. We need people to pray for over 20 million people who lost their jobs; for hundreds of women who were raped; for millions of people who were robbed; for the thousands of stupid and arrogant corrupters who worked for government; for those who rioted, robed, raped and killed; and for over 200 million Indonesian people who are suffering. We need you.

Ezra Nugroho *is a junior computer science major from Semarang, Central Java, Indonesia. He and other Indonesian students held gatherings last year to support economic reform in their home country through prayer and singing; the GC community, led by students on SST in Indonesia, raised hundreds of dollars to purchase food and other supplies for a number of families there in need.*



PERSPECTIVES

Hebron: the next bulldozed house may be yours

By Laura Schildt

I lay in my tent, wide-awake, listening to the muffled sounds of voices outside and loud chirps of small insects in the cornfield. A fire was burning down, smoke swirling off into the darkness like an offering. The stars were brilliant pinpoints of energy overhead.

The setting was Joyfield Farm in North Manchester, Ind., where 11 other GC students and I, along with 200 people from many places, were attending a conference led by Christian Peacemaker Teams. CPT is a Mennonite, Quaker and Brethren initiative which sends women and men to witness the need for peace in violent and sometimes desperate situations.

While I watched her hand, it began to shake and the thick black coffee spilled down the sides of a small white porcelain cup she was holding. Confused, I looked at her face and saw her dark eyes full of fear.

As I stared at the canvas above me I thought of Wila' Al Atrash, a 14-year-old Palastinian girl who would also lay in a tent that night. Wila' does not choose to sleep in a tent, but she has no other option. Three times she has attempted, with her family and friends, to build a house but all three times a bulldozer destroyed their home. Wila' lives in fear, not only that the small two-room structure being raised for the fourth time will be bulldozed, but also that her brother and father will be arrested, her mother thrown into a ditch and her older sister kicked in the stomach until blood comes from her mouth. All these things have happened to her and her family.

From the time we arrived at the farm to when we hopped into our cars to go home we lived in a more simple and sustainable manner. A sense of peace settled over the farm as we lived for three days close to each other and close to the earth.

"The suspense of having a home demolition order is similar to torture," said Sara Reschly, one of the main conference speakers. Sara spent time in Hebron, a town on the West Bank where CPT has stood nonviolently between Israeli soldiers and Palestinians who have lived on the land of Hebron since ancient times. As Sara spoke about a Palestinian family who recently lost its home and its orchards, tears ran down her face.

In response to this most recent home demolition, many people attending the conference took part in a public witness. Friday afternoon 200 people stood outside the office of U.S. Senator Richard Lugar's office in Fort Wayne, Ind. Our voices, songs and prayers for peace rose between the tall buildings. These sounds mixed with the noise of cars honking, shoes briskly clipping on the sidewalk and flags above us flapping in the wind.

As we sang, " And everyone ... shall live in peace and be unafraid," I lifted my hand to my checks and realized they were wet with silent tears. I thought of Wila' again. I remembered visiting her in Hebron this past spring along with other CPT members. I remembered watching her gracefully pour coffee for us, her visitors.

While I watched her hand, it began to shake and the thick black coffee spilled down the sides of a small white porcelain cup she was holding. Confused, I looked at her face and saw her dark eyes full of fear.

Only after I followed her gaze did I realize that a vehicle was coming up over the hill behind her home. As the truck bringing a load of sand to their home came into view, Wila's hands returned to pouring the coffee as steadily as they had been the minute before. Only then did I realize what it is like to live in constant fear that the next vehicle over the hill will be a bulldozer coming to demolish a home.

Leaving Joyfield Farm and coming back to GC felt like returning from SST. Too many possessions in my room, too many choices in the hot food line at Marriott and too many indifferent people made me yearn to be back wandering through the garden or sitting under the cottonwood tree with others who had gathered to struggle for justice in our world.

Most of all, though, the stability of my home impacted me. Made of boards and beams thick and strong, my house is never challenged by a bulldozer or wrecking ball. I lay in my bed that night and I felt my privilege. As I drifted off to sleep my thoughts were full of hope that someday Wila' will truly "live in peace and be unafraid."

*Senior **Laura Schildt** is an interdisciplinary major from Marietta, Pa. She has traveled to Hebron with Christian Peacemaker Teams.*

PERSPECTIVES

Getting by in the world, and then some

By Diana Phillips-Kanagy

Well, February is finally here. Once again, the ironically short month half-heartedly devoted to black history is upon us.

The time has come to pay homage, to search our memories for all the information crammed into our brains about the colored historical figures that have affected our lives, all the heroes and role models that darkened the pages of our textbooks with their brave portraits.

Ready? Go!

Are you done? I am. I could probably fit all the black history I was ever given in 12 years of public education into a week's worth of class. I first recognized this dearth in the fourth grade when my teacher spent a whole 10 minutes talking about the horrors of slavery. I recall more said about indentured servitude than actual slavery.

Now this didn't ring true to what my father and grandmother had said, and I began to wonder why I was being lied to in school. How else was I getting ripped off by my so-called education?

This was the day I went to the library and checked out the auto-biography of Frederick Douglass. I suppose I may have done this out of some deep, ingrained duty to my ancestors, but mostly it was because I was furious about having been lied to.

It was like a large-scale version of finding out the truth about Santa Claus: sure, the actual subject matter of the discovery is disappointing, but the real blow is that what I thought was truth had actually been a slap-in-the-face lie the entire time. Now that system had crumbled into a mere hoax. I was determined to find out why. So I worked my way through an ongoing career of self-education. I could give you my reading list. Then again, any professor can assign a reading list, but nothing is more crucial than your own educational choices.

The minute you begin to suspect that you probably ought to know a little more about something, start reading. Ask about other cultures; take yourself out of the idea that your current education is sufficient to get you through this world. It definitely is not. You must push yourself.

In *The Bhagavad-Gita,* the Lord Krishna says, "Sacrifice in knowledge is better than sacrifice with material objects; the totality of all action culminates in knowledge. . . . Know it by humble submission, by asking questions, and by service; wise men who see reality will give you knowledge."

I transferred to GC from Earlham College, where my major was English with a focus on African and African-American literature. Here there aren't any classes in that area, so I have changed to an English and theater double major. Now the need for pushing myself to keep up with my self-education is even greater.

All this came to a head on Martin Luther King Jr. Day this year. That evening I found myself thoroughly disappointed in the days' goings on. The speaker during convocation was great, but my classes (with the exception of one) completely ignored the meaning of the day. At most, we had to watch a silly movie or two. No discussion.

Here, in Goshen, where blacks were not allowed in town after dark until much too recently, no discussion.

Here, in northern Indiana, a stronghold of the Ku Klux Klan, no discussion. Understandable, I'd say, since one cannot adequately judge a situation until one is actually in it or at least has attempted to understand through the knowledge of others.

In her autobiography Assata Shakur states, "The schools we go to are reflections of the society that created them. Nobody is going to give you the education you need to overthrow them. Nobody is going to teach you your true history, teach you your true heroes, if they know that knowledge will help set you free.

"Schools in amerika are interested in brainwashing people with amerikanism, giving them a little bit of education, and training them in skills needed to fill the positions the capitalist system requires. As long as we expect amerika's schools to educate us we will remain ignorant."

So do yourself a tremendous favor: Do what you have to do to get by in the world and then some. Your education is in your hands, not in the hands of any system. Use black history month as the perfect excuse to begin, whatever you choose to teach yourself.

Originally from Indianapolis, ***Diana Phillips-Kanagy*** *is a junior English and theater major who lives in Goshen. She played the role of Maggie Mundy in the fall 1998 GC Players production of "Dancing at Lughnasa."*

PERSPECTIVES

Tough food choices for 'allusers@goshen.edu'

By Anne Horst

"Tomorrow the grounds department will be spraying a herbicide around the Gingerich Center, Newcomer and the Westlawn dining area. If you are sensitive to chemicals, please avoid these areas in the afternoon. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you."

This message should sound familiar to everyone who receives e-mail addressed to "allusers@goshen.edu." Chemical herbicides and pesticides are commonplace in the United States, and the GC campus is no exception.

According to the Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, U.S. agriculture uses over 800 million pounds of pesticides every year. These chemicals pose cancer risks, and contaminate air, water and ecosystems. Shouldn't these facts make us pause to ponder the pesticides trapped in the wax on apples in Marriott or rubbing off on our Frisbee-playing feet?

To be responsible and consistent, we need to include all creation in our ethical frameworks and decision making. That's partly why you may see a few students and bikes strewn across the Vita House back lawn at 6 p.m. today (May 13, 1999).

For some, Pax 299: Organic Gardening and Ecojustice, which meets four days a week during May term, is a way to live in the gap between our ideals and the way the world really works. Too often, our vision is limited to our own immediate contexts: what will benefit us in the short term. Organic tomatoes, raisins and peanut butter at the Centre-In Food Co-op downtown bear considerably higher price tags than their commercially produced counterparts. When one thinks only of personal interests in an immediate shopping situation, it's hard to answer the glib query of Meijer superstore: "Why Pay More?"

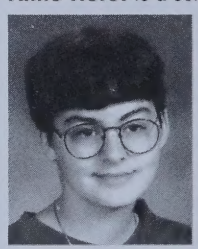
The reality is that we cannot separate the tiny, mundane decisions of our personal lives from the larger social fabric in which we live. "Society" is nothing more than thousands of individuals, all getting up every day and doing the same things in the same way everyone else does, because they are afraid to or lack the energy to make a change.

The reality is that we cannot separate the tiny, mundane decisions of our personal lives from the larger social fabric in which we live.

We're faced with choices every day: stop at McDonald's or bring a lunch along? Blast a spider with poison or toss it outside? Nobody's perfect, and we won't go to heaven or hell based on how many pounds of pesticides pour into waterways as a result of our food consumption and lawn enjoyment. But I find it impossible to live a meaningful life without seriously considering the larger ramifications of my actions and personal decisions. How could my life be different if every morning over the Cheerios I asked myself, "What is the nature of the good life? How ought one to live?"

When I observe local organic growers providing food for the community and smell the chemicals on GC's lawn, I feel something is not right. I know I want to sustain myself with food production pathways that consume resources justly and treat the earth responsibly. But how can I make this wish more than a fleeting feeling? For American society to produce food locally and ecologically seems like a fairy tale.

In a small way, participating in the gardening class helps me live intentionally in the gap between my ideals and reality, to stretch my little roots beyond chemical college lawns, waxed apples shipped across the continent and multinational food services and retail chains. Joining local economic activity and responsible earthkeeping through organic food production is a viable step towards a vision of a just society and a sustainable ecology.



***Anne Horst** is a senior Bible and religion major from Goshen. She spent the summer in Guatemala City through the Ministry Inquiry Program, the first student in MIP to serve outside North America.*

PERSPECTIVES

Joining hands on the ladder of success

By Thomas Bona

Before last year's commencement, several GC students – prompted by similar initiatives at Manchester College and other schools – introduced a pledge for graduating seniors to have the opportunity to sign. The pledge calls signers "to investigate and take into account the social and environmental consequences of any job opportunity I consider." Members of this year's graduating class will have the opportunity to sign the pledge as well.

Those coming from GC should not be like the majority of people jostling for position . . . (They) should be the ones helping others up the ladder with them.

Job-hunting fever is the current infection for GC seniors. Résumés are flying out of computer printers like 747s out of O'Hare Airport. Seniors are so busy investigating job opportunities in general that they may feel unable to investigate the "social and environmental consequences" of those opportunities. But, it is still an important concept for GC graduates to keep in mind because of this school's emphasis on serving instead of simply succeeding.

Many people may balk at the word "service" being mentioned in the same breath as employment. For them, the idea of postcollege service brings to mind terms with Mennonite Central Committee or the Peace Corps, not a "real job" in the "real world." There exists a tangible vocational dualism: An aspiring pastor or teacher or counselor is being called to a life of service while an aspiring businessperson or advertiser or physicist is just trying to earn a living like everybody else.

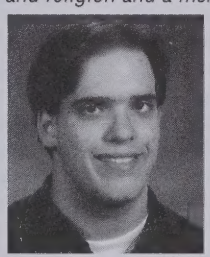
The pressure is definitely on those of us about to exit our undergraduate days to prepare for the economic strains of working-world life. As loans become due and bills pile up, a realistic alumnus of GC cannot blow off the financial aspects of employment. However, the potential paycheck should not be the only ox pulling the job-hunt cart. After four years of amassing thousands of dollars of debt, are we only equipped to pay off that debt? I challenge students who are seeking future employment, whether two months down the road or two years down the road, to seriously consider what their goals are in the "real world."

While the graduation pledge is a student commitment and the impending decisions are theirs to make, the college as a whole has a responsibility to address. Are we preparing our graduates to enter the world as servants? Will the lessons learned in and out of the classrooms about Christ-like living be applied in the workplace?

Amid all the talk about résumés, interviews, dress codes and cover letters in the senior seminars and other classes, is there talk about the ethical decisions that also have to be made? Concerns about how one's job affects the world socially, environmentally and economically must be dealt with. Does coming from a school oriented towards "Culture for Service" simply mean that we do the jobs that the rest of the world does in the same way, except that we don't smoke, drink or curse? I challenge professors and other instructors to ask these questions of their students instead of simply encouraging them to get the best available job.

Not every member of the class of '99 will sign the graduation pledge, and those who choose not to sign should not be viewed in a negative light. But, as another set of college graduates is about to be unleashed on an unsuspecting world, those coming from GC should not be like the majority of people jostling for position on the job ladder. The GCers in the world should be the ones helping others up the ladder with them.

A double major in communication and Bible and religion and a member of the class of '99,



***Thomas Bona** is from the Bronx. He served as a member of the 1998-99 GC Campus Ministries team, helping plan All-Campus Worship services.*

Ask the director...

On GC's Web site (www.goshen.edu), there is a reference to "area meetings." What are area meetings?

In addition to Alumni Weekend, area meetings are a great way for alumni and friends to stay in touch with each other and the college. As the name suggests, area meetings bring together those in particular regions. Arranged through the college relations office, area meetings are initiated by the alumni director, based on the suggestions of campus members, or alumni and friends who are interested in meeting with other GC alumni and supporters or inviting a campus guest to their area. Last year, area meetings were held in California, Florida, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Ontario and Puerto Rico. If you are interested in hosting an area meeting or discussing possibilities for future area meetings, contact me by letter, call (219) 535-7563 or e-mail susanle@goshen.edu.

— Susan Edwards

1920-29

Deaths

Viola Rupp Aeschliman '27, Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 5.

Stella Jennings Gerig '21, Sarasota, Fla., June 9.

Bertha Butte Hartzler '29, Harmony, Minn., April 12.

Albert M. Hershberger '26, Buffalo, N.Y., April 5.

Catharine Martin Hutchison '27, Goshen, April 6.

E. Esther Litwiller '28, Hopedale, Ill., Sept. 23.

Notes

Beulah Shank '29, Wakarusa, Ind., works one day a week at Eby Auto Sales, where she was honored for 50 years with the company. She began working there in May 1948.

1930-39

Deaths

Robert L. Bender '32, Cypress, Calif., June 10.

J. Richard Blosser '37, husband of Mary Ann Pankratz Blosser, 110 W. 23rd St., P.O. Box 206, North Newton, KS 67117, Dec. 24.

June Fogelsonger Croop '33, Elkhart, Ind., June 1.

Millen Nussbaum, husband of **Idella Zuercher Nussbaum '34**, 1940 Lynn Drive, Orrville, OH 44667, May 7, 1998.

Vernon S. Rocke '32, husband of Miriam Rocke, Box 156, Perry, IL 62362-0156, Dec. 4.

Verna Springer Shoemaker '38, Newton, Kan., Jan. 8.

Howard K. Sigrist '32, husband of Hazel Sigrist, 19575 Rolling Acre Drive, South Bend, IN 46614-5742, Jan. 22.

Vera Judson Swihart '30, wife of Louis Swihart, 19092 County Road 20, Goshen, IN 46528-6712, Feb. 1999.

Corona Haarer Weldy '37, Shipshewana, Ind., April 24.

Levon R. Weldy '37, husband of Grace Bixler Weldy, 202 Orchard Park Drive, Wakarusa, IN 46573-9738, April 27.

Notes

Lester T. Hershey '36, Fort Ashby, W.Va., is recovering from a brief hospitalization.

A. Roscoe Miller '39, Sugarcreek, Ohio, works eight hours a week in a local Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) thrift shop.

1940-49

Deaths

Donita Hartzler Brookmyer '40, wife of **Edward Brookmyer '38**, 16801 State Road 4, Goshen, IN 46528-9605, June 1.

David O. Byler '45, husband of **Darlene Birkey Byler '44**, 821 Fourth Ave. N.W., Hickory, NC 28601-4816, May 20.

E. Wilma Diener '49, Weatherford, Okla., Dec. 26.

James Eicher, husband of **Grace Stamm Eicher '44**, 3642 County Road 19, Archbold, OH 43502, May 3.

Esther Swartzendruber Glick '46, Goshen, May 13.

Marcia Stricklen Hollopeter, wife of **Carl R. Hollopeter '48**, 351 W. Renwick Road, Glendora, CA 91740-5566, April 3.

Charity Gingerich Troyer '40, Hesston, Kan., April 21.

Notes

Opal Cripe Batch '49, Goshen, celebrated her 75th high school reunion in June. She graduated from Pierceton High School in 1924.

Wendell Phillips Berwick '49, Elmhurst, Ill., carried a sign in Chicago on several occasions that stated "Stop Bombing the Serbs." On one occasion, President Clinton's limousine passed by the sign.

Paul D. '49 and **Grace Derstine Brunner '54**, Hesston, Kan., are interim ministers at Blooming Glen (Pa.) Mennonite Church.

Beulah Marner Cobb '48, Greentown, Ind., buys and sells vintage textiles, clothing and other antiques.

Robert A. Ebersole '48, Archbold, Ohio, is a Sunday school teacher at Zion Mennonite Church and president of the Mennonite Association of Retired Persons.

John M. Grasse '48, Phoenix, Ariz., is working with McLanghlin Indian Health Service in South Dakota.

John H. Hess '47, Cambridge, Canada, received the James and Rowena Lark Award for creative leadership in evangelism and church development, conferred by Mennonite Board of Missions in April.

Kay O. Nelson '45, Cumberland, Md., raises Jack Russell terriers.

Eva Eggleston Pressler '44, Elkhart, Ind., is an active volunteer at her church, Winding Waters Brethren.

Louis and **Vivian Zehr Stoffel '49**, Goshen, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 1 with an open house.

B. Nortell Troyer '46, Mesa, Ariz., volunteers at House of Refuge East, a shelter for homeless people.

Paul and **Mary Helen Yoder Wade '44**, Sterling, Ill., celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary April 30.

Mary M. Zehr '49, Eureka, Ill., is the day manager at the Et Cetera Shop, an MCC gift and thrift shop.

1950-59

Deaths

James Dennis, husband of **Ila Eichelberger Dennis '56**, 3428 Eastbrook Drive, Mesquite, TX 75150-3745, March 27.

Charles Elion, husband of **Thelma Smeltzer Elion '58**, 1805 April Lane, Goshen, IN 46528-1183, April 4.

Lyall Fretz, husband of **Anna Mae Charles Fretz '51**, P.O. Box 178, Vineland, ON L0R 2C0, Canada, Oct. 2.

Opal Shrock Lantz '51, Goshen, Nov. 1.

Gerald Lott, husband of **Evelyn Stump Lott '57**, 314 Park Ave., Goshen, IN 46526, April 4.

Marjorie Hiatt Mosher '54, wife of Nelson Mosher, 3602 S. Ironwood Drive, South Bend, IN 46614-2453, April 19.

Iva P. Sommers '59, Goshen, May 28.

Mary Wagoner Troyer '54, Elkhart, Ind., April 12.

Notes

Kenneth L. Amstutz '59, Kidron, Ohio, is a full-time postal carrier.

Deloris Weaver Babcock '54, Fort Collins, Colo., is involved with Wingshadow Inc., a local Christian program working with at-risk youth.

Alice Miller Beachy '50, Sarasota, Fla., recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of her graduation from Hesston (Kan.) College.

Viola Kenyon Birkey '59, Ludlow, Ill., makes purses, nativity scenes and Noah's Arks by decorating ostrich egg shells with beads.

Wilbur W. Brannon '56, Kansas City, Mo., is pastoral ministries director at the Church of the Nazarene's international headquarters.

Willis L. Breckbill '54, Goshen, is a part-time interim pastor at Southside Fellowship, Elkhart, Ind. **Ina Ruth Krabill Breckbill '52** is a Caring Friend at Greencroft.

Erma Zook Calhoun '52, Lynchburg, Va., is retired and serving as a minister at Heritage United Methodist Church.

Ruth Moline Eddy '55, Durand, Mich., coordinates the children's bus ministry, school and church library and worship services for a convalescent center.

R. Elaine Franz '58, York, Maine, participates in the choirs at First Parish Church in the winter and Trinity Episcopal of York Harbor in the summer. She also sings in the Seacoast Community Chorus.

Howard and **Lois Histand Gilbert '55**, Hagerstown, Md., are hosts for Tennis Goodwill Trips Abroad, Amateur Sports Development Cultural Exchange.

Ruth E. Gunden '52, Goshen, traveled with China Educational Exchange this summer.

Leland M. Haines '58, Northville, Mich., works in Ford's Research Lab on the Direct Injection, Aluminum, Through-bolt Assembly (DIATA) improved fuel economy program.

Harold E. Hartzler '56, Goshen, retired after 43 years at Miles Labs/Bayer Corp. He spent his career in organic chemistry – the first 30 years in a medicinal chemistry lab and the last 13 years supervising a small, fine organic chemical synthesis plant. He holds a dozen patents in medicinal chemistry.

David R. Helmuth '57, Goshen, retired in May 1998 after 40 years in educational and pastoral ministry. He currently is serving as a quarter-time pastoral associate at Faith Mennonite Church.

Lowell Hile '54, Goshen, retired June 1, 1997, after 43 years of teaching and 36 years of coaching in the WaNee School Corporation. He is an active pitcher in Goshen's fast-pitch softball league.

David E. Hostetler '52, Scottdale, Pa., is a writing and editorial consultant for Mennonite Publishing House. **Rosanna Yoder Hostetler '53** is doing community service and church work.

Kenneth W. Imhoff '51, Petersburg, Ill., retired from practicing clinical psychology after 35 years. **Norma Lugeanbeal Imhoff '57** is retired as director of nursing at Doctor's Hospital, Springfield, Ill.

Dale F. Kauffman '54, Zanesfield, Ohio, retired after 23 years of teaching. He is semi-retired from farming.

Lois Whitehead Kaufman '52, Goshen, is semi-retired from her business, Draperies by Lois Inc., and tutoring with adult literacy.

Ray and Clara Bontrager **Keim '55** moved in February from Peoria, Ariz., to Berne, Ind., where Ray is minister of congregational care at First Mennonite Church.

Calvin R. King '58, Lenexa, Kan., speaks and writes on "Mankind's Connection to an Expanding Universe: An Integration of Astronomy, Evolution and Faith."

Eleanor Graber Kreider '57, Oxford, England, and **Alan F. Kreider '62** are continuing as Mennonite Board of Missions personnel. They will teach part time at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary and work in the MBM advocacy and communication departments.

John E. Mann '57, Elkhart, Ind., retired from active medical practice Jan. 1. He works one evening a week at a low-income clinic in Goshen.

Lavon M. Marks '57, Wakarusa, Ind., retired from Bayer Corp. after more than 40 years.

S. Marjorie Shantz Martin '52, Orrville, Ohio, volunteers with the local hospital auxiliary and has been with a hospice organization for eight years.

Jason S. Martin '59, Mishawaka, Ind., is semi-retired, and an overseer for two Mennonite churches, Pleasant View in Goshen and Roselawn in Elkhart, Ind.

Glenda Frey Mast '56, Springfield, Ohio, retired in February after 15 years as an educator in Pennsylvania, Delaware and Ohio, and 23 years as a retail buyer for Logos Bookstore. She now serves with community development groups and Ohio (Mennonite) Conference's evangelism commission.

Lavonne Wenger McGuire '55, Morton, Ill., is serving her third term with the Illinois Mennonite Conference's Christian nurture commission.

Donald F. and **Julia King Megnin '53**, New Smyrna Beach, Fla., traveled to China this summer to teach English communication skills to Chinese middle school English teachers.

Ivan E. '50 and **Floris Jantz Miller '49**, Goessel, Kan., continue to operate their business, Miller Funeral Home, after selling it in January.

Joyce Nyce Osborne '54, Harrisonburg, Va., retired from teaching and early childhood programs. She is volunteering with hospice and adult literacy programs.

Edith Snyder Pekarek '58, Prospect Heights, Ill., retired from surgical nursing and now practices parish nursing and directs a parish visitor program.

Thirston and Margaret Wiseman **Perrin '51**, Goshen, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 12. They were married June 12, 1949, at First Methodist Church, Mishawaka, Ind.

Lena Smeltzer Pettiford '57, Louisville, Ohio, is historian-librarian for Stoner Church. She taught quilting at the local YMCA and teaches reading skills while volunteering one morning a week at Alliance Rodman Library.

Doris Hartman Reinhardt '50, Goshen, volunteers at the Whistle Stop, an MCC thrift store.

LaVera Miller Ressler '59, Orrville, Ohio, spent three months last fall in voluntary service at Schowalter Villa, Hesston, Kan.

Oscar E. '50 and **R. Verelda Zook Roth '50**, Lombard, Ill., did volunteer work in January and February in Tucson, Ariz. Oscar is a piano technician and Verelda divides her time between volunteer work and church duties.

Dellis D. Schrock '56, Fargo, N.D., supervises secondary education student teachers at Moorhead State University.

Duane B. Schrock '59, Tucson, Ariz., teaches a retirement class and recently started Chinese brush painting.

Esther Maxine Troyer Shaum '56, Engadine, Mich., is active in the local historical society and museum, teaches Sunday school and Bible school and assists with Venture Club. She and her husband, James Shaum, are active in Mennonite Disaster Service work and the MCC relief sale.

Frederick J. Speckeen '53, Kelowna, British Columbia, was appointed the Canadian Presbyterian Church's province representative to the National Inter-Church Action Group for the Asia/Pacific Region, which advocates for and provides emergency assistance relating to development, justice and relief.

Dorothy Jane Garber Springer '51, Minier, Ill., volunteers once a week at the Et Cetera Shop, Eureka.

W. Frederick Springer '56, Long Beach, Calif., retired in June after 40 years of teaching in the Long Beach Unified School District. In 1998 he received the "Distinguished Toastmaster" award.

Margaret Gerber Stoltzfus '55, Oskaloosa, Iowa, is recording clerk for United Society of Friends Women International.

Mildred Graber Stoltzfus '53, Harrisonburg, Va., retired in May 1998 after 15 years of teaching and helping administer the community child care center at Community Mennonite Church.

Victor E. Stoltzfus '56, Goshen, does freelance writing, speaking and consulting. **Marie Althouse Stoltzfus '56** is actively involved in spiritual direction.

John J. Sudermann '56, Denver, works part time for the billing and trading records department at Summit Center Clubhouse, a mental health organization.

E. Jane Hertzler Thornton '53, Mechanicsburg, Pa., is director of her church's vacation Bible school and teaches an adult Sunday school class.

Joan Strauss Walsh '54, Middlebury, Ind., writes that she enjoys retirement and singing with the Evergreen Singers at Greencroft Retirement Center.

Wilbur E. and Lillian Rhodes **Workman '50**, Fort Wayne, Ind., celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary April 10.

Herbert L. Yoder '52, Kalona,

Schultz recognized for excellence in fund raising

Harold Schultz '53 was recently recognized by the Greater Kansas City Council on Philanthropy for his fund-raising efforts at Saint Luke's Hospital and Bethel College (Newton, Kan.). He received the council's Excellence in Fund-raising Award; *Ingram's* magazine profiled Schultz and other recognized philanthropists in its May issue.

Schultz, who taught at GC for two years after graduation, moved on to teach history and eventually serve as Bethel's president. At the start of his successful 20-year tenure, serious budget deficits and declining enrollment plagued the school. Within a year, Schultz had balanced the college's books, a trend he would continue each year he was at the helm. When Schultz stepped down, student enrollment was up significantly, the college endowment had increased from $1.1 million to $13.5 million and nine endowed chairs had been created.

From 1994 to 1997, Schultz led a fundraising campaign as executive director of St. Luke's Hospital Foundation, a position he took in 1991. During that three-year span, nine endowed chairs in medical education and research were created. Campaign contributions from St. Luke's doctors increased from $750,000 in 1990 to $7 million in 1997.

Hal and his wife Carolyn '53, who were married in 1955, reside in Kansas City, Mo.

— Nick Johnson

Iowa, and wife, Dorothy Beason Yoder, are part-time interim staff members at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church.

Hobert D. Yoder '54, Iowa City, Iowa, is retired from teaching and is a consultant for the Mennonite Church's Giving Project for the Iowa-Nebraska (Mennonite) Conference.

1960-64

Deaths

June A. Hager, wife of **Edward A. Hager '62**, 3456 Richmond Drive S.E., Conyers, GA 30094-2828, March 11.

Gerald G. Landes '60, Chalfont, Pa., March 27.

LeRoy E. Meyer '61, husband of Janie Konecki Meyer, 1144 Benton Ave., Wayland, IA 52654, March 24.

Stanley J. Yoder '60, Boalsburg, Pa., June 16.

Marriage

Norma J. Johnson '63 and Vern Preheim, both of Newton, Kan., Aug. 22, 1998.

Correction

The March *Bulletin* stated that **M. Grace Leatherman '60**, Markham, Ill., retired after six years of teaching. It should have read that she has been retired for six years after teaching for 31 years.

Notes

James A. Burkholder '60, Biglerville, Pa., retired from pastoring in August.

Anna Lois Zimmerly Copeland '60, Elyria, Ohio, teaches Braille part time at Vision Rehabilitation.

David W. Cressman '61, Scottdale, Pa., is a member of a 40-voice community choir and drama group, the Scottdale Choral Society and Heritage Players.

Delores Histand Friesen '62, Fresno, Calif., writes that a revised edition of the study/action guide for *Living More With Less* – which she originally wrote for Herald Press – was reissued. She edited *All Are Witnesses* for Kindred Productions.

Melba Martin Gerber '60, Bluffton, Ohio, retired Dec. 31 after working 35 years as a nurse at Blandard Valley Hospital.

Ruth Cook Hunsberger '61, Elkhart, Ind., assists her husband, Norris Hunsberger, at Cedar Road Missionary Church, Osceola, Ind.

Stanley A. Kaufman '61, Berlin, Ohio, sells antiques and rare and unusual plants.

Dwight Y. King '64, DeKalb, Ill., was recruited to serve as an adviser to former President Jimmy Carter on Indonesian elections. An expert on Indonesian political affairs, he visited that country in February, at the Carter Center's request, to assess the prospect of election monitoring.

Maurice D. Lehman '64, Goshen, is sales manager at Paul's Manufactured Homes.

Leland J. McBride '64, Goshen, is co-owner of Tony's Famous Grill.

Duane L. Miller '63, Coralville, Iowa, retired in 1997 after 34 years at the University of Iowa; 27 years were spent in medical research in gastroenterology, the last seven as an administrator in the biochemistry department.

Julie Landis Musselman '62, Harleysville, Pa., is collaborating with **Juanita Yoder Kauffman '86**, fabric artist, in creating "art-to-wear" garments.

Alice Yoder Risser '62 is a library clerk at Middlebury (Ind.) Community Library.

Marian Histand Schwabbauer '61, Coralville, Iowa, was appointed assistant dean in the office of student affairs and curriculum at the College of Medicine, University of Iowa; she continues as head of the Division of Associated Medical Sciences.

Lowell W. Shank '61, Bowling Green, Ky., is a department head at Western Kentucky University. He sings in a barbershop chorus.

Leanne Miller Smith '64, Raleigh, N.C., is the technical services branch head at the State Library of North Carolina.

Edwin L. '61 and **Sharon Baker Swartzendruber '61**, Morton, Ill., write that they are enjoying living full-time in an RV, spending winters in the west and southwest and summers in Illinois.

Eldon I. Zehr '60, Anderson, S.C., retired from Clemson University in June 1998 after 28 years and was named professor emeritus. He is now a part-time peach, nectarine and plum grower, selling the fruit at a roadside stand.

1965-69

Deaths

David Honderich, husband of **Karen Pletcher Honderich '66**, 11626 County Road 30, Goshen, IN 46528-9626, July 29, 1998.

Parke Kanop, husband of **Carolyn Groff Kanop '65**, 3909 Wesley Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80917-5894, March 27.

Marriage

Lawrence R. Wenger '65 and Diane Conway, both of Newtown, Pa., Oct. 10.

Notes

Lillian Schmucker Badrak '68, Livonia, Mich., retired June 30, 1998, after 30 years of teaching in the Walled Lake Consolidated School District.

Judith Schmell Bisson '68, Burlington, Vt., recently completed her doctorate in clinical psychology at the Fielding Institute, Santa Barbara, Calif. She works as a medical psychologist and supervises interns in cognitive-behavioral treatment at the University of Vermont Medical School/Hospital.

J. Kenneth Brubaker '65, Mount Joy, Pa., former board chair at Landis Homes Retirement Community, was named 1999 Trustee of the Year by the Pennsylvania Association of Non-Profit Homes for the Aging. He is co-founder of Norlanco Medical Associates and serves as medical director of Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

Rebecca Schlabach Byler '65, Brady Lake, Ohio, is substitute teaching in the Kent-Ravenna area.

Barbara Tschabold Ferrell '68, Dallas, Texas, is night manager of Crescent Court, a four-star hotel. In January she published her second poetry collection, *Chiaroscuro*.

Melvin and Marlene Penner **Friesen '66**, Thompson, Manitoba, have served as missionary pastor/teacher to the Cree people of Northern Manitoba since 1966. His primary responsibility is to establish a training program for church leaders.

Keith D. Gerber '69, North Canton, Ohio, received his master's degree in human development and counseling in 1995 from Walsh University, North Canton. He is a licensed professional clinical counselor and a national certified counselor.

Janette Basinger Gerig '69, Clovis, N.M., is an enrichment teacher/transition counselor and special education department head at Portales High School.

R. William Horrisberger '68, Atlanta, Ga., is involved in Dances of Universal Peace under the leadership of Eric Akbar-Manolson.

John E. Huebert '67, North Lima, Ohio, is in his 32nd year of teaching music.

Dennis R. Huneryager '68, Goshen, has been a volunteer at Greencroft Senior Center since 1988.

Barbara Claassen Kaufman '69, Hutchinson, Kan., works as an oncology nurse in a local clinic.

Violet Garber Kaufman '66, Goshen, volunteers at Books Abroad and At Home and Oaklawn.

J. Robert Kile '66, Norderstedt, Germany, has been teaching English in Hamburg, Germany, for four years.

Deanne Gisel Kuhns '68, Arthur, Ill., volunteers at MCC World Wide Gifts – soon to be Ten Thousand Villages – in Champaign, Ill. She does preschool special education screening each spring for Eastern Illinois.

MariLynn Lambert Lynn '67, Shipshewana, Ind., is a teacher's assistant at Topeka Elementary.

P. Elaine King McKee '67, Ventura, Calif., is enrolled in the master's of business administration program at California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks.

Stephen Michalovic '66, Philadelphia, Miss., spends many hours building, maintaining and operating the Jackson Society of Model Engineer's model railroad, a fundraiser for Mississippi Children's Home and Family Services, Jackson, Miss.

Janice Carpenter Miller '65, Kendallville, Ind., is a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Michigan.

Lois Shetler Miller '69, Saint Joseph, Mich., has a small business making jewelry from antique cups, saucers and plates.

Marvin J. Miller '69, Indianapolis, is on the faculty at the Indiana University School of Medicine's department of psychiatry. He conducts drug research and works with patients with chronic psychiatric illnesses.

Paul E. Miller '69, Columbus, Ohio, is writing books about fund raising for nonprofit organizations and discerning spiritual guidance. He is also writing a children's series on values.

Charles D. Mumaw '67, Goshen, was recently honored for 15 years of service by Primerica, a member of Citigroup, the world's largest financial service organization.

Mona Nofziger Sauder '65, Wauseon, Ohio, resigned from teaching in June.

Barbara Gerber Steiner '65, Apple Creek, Ohio, teaches piano, organ, violin and accordion.

Ted W. Stuckey '69, Hesston, Kan., completed a master's of science degree in financial planning in October. **Susan Eigsti Stuckey '69**, has been working for eight years as assistant manager and evening supervisor for Hesston College's food service.

Ellen Hernley Swanson '68, Edina, Minn., completed her requirements for a master's degree in

human development at St. Mary's University's Minneapolis Extension, concentrating in spirituality through breathwork and dance.

Richard A. Weaver '65, Littleton, Colo., has been working at Colorado Christian University since 1989. Recently named systems coordinator, he will develop and implement a computer-based preventive maintenance program.

Lawrence R. Wenger '65, New Town, Pa., is director of residential services with Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen.

Margaret Cline Weybright '66, Syracuse, Ind., retired from teaching third grade after 31 years at New Paris Elementary.

Constance Post Wildey '68, Dickinson, Texas, is a psychotherapist in private practice; she also conducts home studies for adoptions.

Sheri Copenhaver Willems '68, Niles, Mich., is working with the National Writing Project as one of eight Michigan teachers selected to research good teaching and writing practices in rural schools.

Denton Wyse '67, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, is assistant clinical professor of psychiatry at Case Western Reserve University.

Linda L. Yoder '69, Albuquerque, N.M., is the English as a Second Language resource staff person for teachers in all grade levels who have non-English speaking students in their classes.

1970-74

Deaths

John A. Hege '74, Landisville, Pa., April 5.

Larry G. Miller '72, husband of Carolyn Roth Miller, 12217 State Road 13, Goshen, IN 46526-9451, April 10.

Notes

Carol Aller Bender '71, Albion, Ind., works part time for the local newspaper, *The Albion New Era*. She is also a substitute teacher and tutors homebound students.

Julianna Bontrager Bender '72, Hamilton, Canada, is employed by MCC doing community reintegration work with ex-prisoners.

Naomi R. Buckwalter '74, El Cajon, Calif., is a physician staff pathologist at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center of San Diego, Calif.; she has been a partner with Southern California Permanente Medical Group since 1986.

Shirley Handrich Bustos '72, Valparaiso, Ind., had two compositions performed at Valparaiso University. The handbell ringers took her arrangement of "Lobe Den Herren" on their spring tour. Her song cycle for mezzo-soprano and piano, "When I Am An Old Woman I Shall Wear Purple," was performed in April in a concert titled "A Sampler of Women Composers."

Elmer and **Beverly Olsen Chupp '72**, Goshen, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house in June; they were married May 7, 1949.

Bonita Holdeman Dalke '71, Loveland, Colo., and her family own The Black Cup Inc., a drive-through espresso stand.

Kristine Feil '74, Findlay, Ohio, is a certified wound, ostomy and continence nurse for local hospital and homecare patients.

Debra Neumann Hansen '74, Longmont, Colo., is co-director of children's ministry at the First Presbyterian Church; she substitute teaches one day a week.

Curtis R. Holsopple '73, Newport News, Va., is working on his doctorate in communication at Regent University, Virginia Beach, Va., and completed his second year as a tenure-track assistant professor of mass media arts at Hampton University.

Mary Weaver Meadows '70, Three Rivers, Mich., coordinates children's special health care services in the St. Joseph County area. She also serves as chair of the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Council.

Constance Moore-Gordon '74, San Jose, Calif., teaches pediatric advanced life support for Heart Sounds Corp. She is a staff nurse and educator for Kaiser Permanente Medical Group in San Jose.

Brian D. and Candi Horton **Smucker '73**, Sonoma, Calif., own and operate Baksheesh, a store selling Ten Thousand Villages crafts. Brian works part time for Seeds of Learning (SOL), a nonprofit agency that builds schools in rural Nicaragua and El Salvador. After Hurricane Mitch, SOL is also doing disaster relief and rebuilding houses. Brian spent two weeks in Nicaragua leading a volunteer work group. He also volunteers regularly at Golden Gate Raptor Observatory.

Mary Sprunger-Froese '74, Colorado Springs, Colo., directs, performs and writes for First Strike Theatre, a troupe representing peace and social justice concerns.

Sidney W. Stoltzfus '70, Conestoga, Pa., is senior vice-president of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, Inc. **Janice Hershberger Stoltzfus '72** is an elder at Community Mennonite Church, Lancaster, Pa.

Marjorie A. Ulrich '74, Eureka, Ill., is the owner and manager of The Flower Basket, a gift and floral shop.

Lora Warkentin '74, Amherst, N.Y., is director of a shelter for homeless and battered women and children.

Ruth Beachy Wartell '70, Fort Wayne, Ind., is doing primary care at Parkview Hospital.

Doris A. Yoder '73, Elizabethtown, Pa., is developing her own business, Building You, introducing wellness technologies.

1975-79

Notes

Arvis L. Dawson '76 is a member of the Elkhart (Ind.) City Council.

Donald A. Desaussure '78, North Charleston, S.C., works part time doing maintenance and custodial work at Jackson Davenport.

Ruth Janzen Detwiler '76, Telford, Pa., has worked as a medical-surgery staff nurse at Albert Einstein Health Care for the past 19 years. She also works with the diabetes education team.

Faith Wyse Frey '75, Fremont, Ind., works 15 hours a week at the Literacy Coalition teaching English.

Geneva A. Hershberger '76, Wichita, Kan., completed her master's degree in education in January at Friends University. She continues to teach kindergarten and first grade at Earhart Environmental Magnet School.

Ruth A. Kauffmann '79, Kansas City, Mo., was honored as the New Horizons Professor of the Year. She is an assistant professor of Spanish at William Jewell College.

J. Nelson Kraybill '78, Elkhart, Ind., recently finished writing *On the Pilgrims' Way, Conversations on Christian Discipleship.*

Velma J. Loewen '75, Normal, Ill., is a nursing home administrator at Good Samaritan Home, Flanagan.

Donald B. Martin '77, Decatur, Ill., is director of music at Central Christian Church.

Janelle Miller Mason '77, Elizabethtown, Ky., coordinates an elementary school family resource center.

Judith E. Mishler '78, Shipshewana, Ind., writes that her millinery business is expanding from a mail order supply catalog to include a storefront in LaGrange, Ind.

Diane Guth Pierce '78, Grand Prairie, Texas, works at Arlington Memorial Hospital in labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum.

Rodney D. '75 and **Brenda Mangus Schloneger '75**, Shell Lake, Wis., own and operate a 1,000-acre grain and 120-cow dairy operation. Brenda has homeschooled their children for 16 years.

Barbara Bryce Scott '75, Dayton, Ohio, was appointed coordinator of the Breastfeeding Center's support program. She became an international board certified lactation consultant in October.

Richard W. Scott '75, Dayton, Ohio, works as clinical coordinator for pre- and post-operation care in a freestanding same-day surgery center.

Robert E. Smoker '77, Goshen, helped start the Clay Artists Guild in downtown Goshen.

Judith Lederach Styer '75, Framingham, Mass., graduated from Simmons College, Boston, in May 1998 with a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

LuAnn Wyse West '79, Jefferson City, Mo., is a full-time graduate student in special education after three years of paraprofessional work with special needs adolescents.

Richard J. Yoder '76, Normal, Ill., is an accounting analyst at State Farm Insurance Co., Bloomington, Ill., preparing tax returns for investment companies.

1980-84

Marriages

Kristina King '83 and Warren Leitzel, both of Woodward, Pa., Sept. 19, 1998.

Brenda Nisley '83 and Aaron Wilkinson, both of Goshen, Jan. 23.

Births

Kenton J. '83 and **Susan Martin Kauffman '84**, Sarasota, Fla., Nathaniel Scott, April 19.

Damon L. Yoder and **Janet Lehman-Yoder '81**, West Chicago, Ill., Jamison Alec, Dec. 21.

Karl and **Nancy Baugher Rascher '81**, Chicago, Ill., Sarah Elizabeth, Nov. 30.

Charlie and **Sonya Troyer Trezevant '84**, Tampa, Fla., Charles Alton, Feb. 13.

Timothy and **Kay Mumma Weber '80**, Lititz, Pa., Matthew Franz, Aug. 20, 1998.

Tracy and **Lisa Joy Yoder Studebaker '84**, New Carlisle, Ohio, Trenton Lee, Nov. 14.

Curt and **Sherry Mellinger Wenger '81**, Goshen, Elise Mariel, Nov. 25.

Notes

Elsa Swift Bakkum '80, Yorktown, Va., mentors two Education for Ministry groups. The lay theological training courses cover Bible study, church history and contemporary issues over four years of study at the University of the South, Stewart, Tenn. In addition to using her pastoral counseling skills, she also coordinates the program in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia, involving 21 groups. She plays the organ professionally.

Bruce E. Bishop '80, Wenatchee, Wash., is teaching two ceramic classes at a community college. He also works in exhibit upgrades at North Central Washington Museum.

E. Douglas Bomberger '81, Honolulu, Hawaii, authored *Brainard's Biographies of American Musicians,* a book scheduled for publication later this year by Greenwood Press.

Kathleen Nafziger Browning '84, Fisher, Ill., works as a registered nurse at Carle Foundation Hospital; she is part of the FlexCare Team.

Mark G. Chupp '81, Cleveland, Ohio, works as a project manager at Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University. He manages a training program for neighborhood leaders and conducts research and evaluation related to community development. In July he completed exams and course work for a doctorate in social welfare at Case Western Reserve University. In the past two years he has also worked as an assistant professor in GC's peace, justice and conflict transformation studies area.

Charles E. Colbourn '81, Goshen, is director of financial planning and reimbursement at Goshen Health System.

Miguel L. Erb '82, Brooklyn, N.Y., is a bilingual editor for McGraw Hill, School Division, Bilingual Department. He is working on the State of Texas' Spanish Reading Project.

Douglas L. '80 and **Charlene Cender Fike '81**, Warm Springs, Va., own and operate Three Hills Inn, a historic country inn in the Allegheny mountains.

Steven R. and Linda Kellogg **Gibson '80**, Chesterton, Ind., started their own business this year, Smart Fun.

Wilma J. Harder '82, Goshen, owns and operates a jewelry shop, Harder-to-Make Jewelry, located in the Old Bag Factory. She designs and hand-fabricates jewelry, doing mostly custom work. Her shop also carries the jewelry of **Greg Lehman '93** and the paintings of **Maryann Harder '80**. She continues to produce and host "A Women's Circle" on WGCS, which highlights music by women, and is part of a music group, "Unchaining Alice," that focuses on peace and justice-oriented subjects; others in the group include **Dawn Bontrager Lehman '86**, **Kent Dutchersmith '90** and Teresa Dutchersmith.

Dawn Yoder Harms '81, Ephrata, Pa., graduated in May with a master of divinity degree from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind. She is an associate pastor at Akron (Pa.) Mennonite Church.

Cynthia D. Holdeman '82, Denver, Colo., received her master's degree in teaching English as a second language.

Annette L. King '83, Decatur, Ga., is training for her seventh marathon and is teaching preschool special education in the DeKalb County school system.

Kristine Schumm Long '82, York, Pa., works as an interpreter/assistant in a middle school hearing impaired classroom, interpreting lessons into sign language and taking notes for students.

Katherine Schten McAdam '81, Cassopolis, Mich., is chair of Cass County Conservation District and a member of Cass County Historical Commission.

Martha Mikel-Hong '84, Stillwater, Minn., writes that she is a stay-at-home mother and home business owner.

Vaughn M. Moreno '82, Elkhart, Ind., is executive director of the Elkhart Human Relations Commission, director of the Elkhart Emergency Management Agency, an equal employment opportunity officer for the city, and serves on the city's Board of Public Safety.

Susan Pfeuffer-Powell '80, Crete, Ill., started a research company, Data Diggers Inc.; she researches information for fiction writers.

Sharon Charles Reimer '81, Reedley, Calif., is active in prison ministry, leading a monthly Christian meditation group at Corcoran State Prison.

Joel A. Ryman '83 completed his doctorate in marketing and business management at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. In July he moved to Wilmington, N.C., where he will begin teaching at the University of North Carolina.

Kevin J. Sauder '82, Archbold, Ohio, formerly executive vice-president of marketing, sales and human resources at Sauder Woodworking, was named president and chief operating officer of the company in April. He represents the third generation of Sauders to lead the family business since it was founded in 1934.

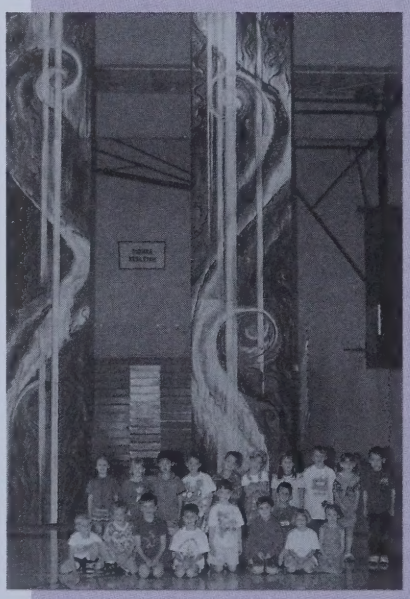
Robert C. Smucker '81, Goshen, does software development and design at Mennonite Mutual Aid.

C. Esther Yoder Strahan '84, Tiffin, Ohio, received a doctorate in clinical psychology at Purdue University in 1998. She is working as a psychotherapist in addition to full-time teaching at Heidelberg College.

Terri Anne Stern Troyer '82, South Bend, Ind., exhibits her photography and handmade paper art at festivals and in local gallery exhibits. She is actively involved with

Kauffman painting showcased on campus

On a typical day, the Gingerich Recreation-Fitness Center is home to weightlifters, joggers and basketball players. But the space became an art gallery in May when it hosted artist Juanita Kauffman's '86 "Ascent: Blue River" as she previewed it for the first time by hanging it from the balcony in the Gunden Gymnasium.



The Roman Gingerich Recreation-Fitness Center hosted artist Juanita Kauffman's recent silk painting, "Ascent: Blue River," for several hours in May. The piece was commissioned for Princeton (N.J.) University.

— Photo courtesy of Juanita Kauffman

The silk painting is made of two panels, each 26 feet long and five feet wide, but the artwork is more than a large painting. "The river is a common metaphor for life, including birth and death," Kauffman said. "In visual language, I have included various currents combined with a symbolic reflection of the world beyond or within."

Commissioned for Princeton University's chapel, the paintings will join two other Kauffman works that are already a part of the university's permanent collection. Kauffman asked to use the Gingerich Center to view the completed work for the first time since her studio ceiling is not high enough to see the work in its entirety.

Kauffman's son Nicholas and his kindergarten class – part of GC's education department – were invited to see the work and provide feedback. The kindergartners previously visited Kauffman at her studio while the painting was in progress.

"My son is totally into it and is one of my biggest fans," said Kauffman. "The kindergartners' enthusiasm and interest was encouraging and their remarks were very perceptive."

— Jodi Hochstedler

three artists groups and served as exhibit chair for Northern Indiana Artists Inc. last year.

Paul R. Weaver '81, Worthington, Minn., received diversity education and is a graduate student in critical pedagogy in St. Paul, Minn.

Brenda Nisley Wilkinson '83, Goshen, is employed at Bristol Family Practice.

Terry A. Yoder '82, Leola, Pa., writes that he is a full-time father and runs an E-commerce home business, importing quality European toys that help children learn about the world.

1985-89

Marriage

Rodney A. Lefever '88 and Lauri Hoober, both of Lancaster, Pa. June 27.

Births

Daniel and **Vanessa King Boyer '88**, Strasburg, Pa., Joshua Wesley, April 3.

Nora May Cardoza '86, Bristol, Ind., Liam Magnus, Feb. 18.

Clayton and **D. Jonell Kolb Detweiler '86**, Goshen, Clayton John IV, March 13.

Morlin B. and Juli **Elias '88**, Seattle, Wash., Amos Jacob, Aug. 28.

Mark and **Elizabeth Hodel Fakhoury '88**, Indianapolis, Miriam Elaine, April 11.

G. Darryl and Lisa Andrews **Frederick '87**, Dallas, Texas, Bryn Kathleen, April 13.

Randy and **Gail Graves Gerber '88**, Goshen, Jacob Lewis, April 21.

Steven W. Krall '89 and **Rachel D. Friesen '91**, Fort Myers, Fla., Kyra Elizabeth, April 26.

Matthew J. and Lisa Miller **Litwiller '88**, Wakarusa, Ind., Clayton Oliver, April 5.

Becky J. Martin '88 and Delf Lammers, Nuremberg, Germany, Gabriel Amatus, March 2.

Jeffrey '89 and **Kristina Roth Martin '89**, Lancaster, Pa., Ian Roth, March 10.

Thomas G. '87 and **Crystal Richard Miller '86**, Sunnyvale, Calif., Alyssa Sue, April 13.

Curt and **Nedra Rufenacht Nolander '87**, Whitmore Lake, Mich., Harper Sinclair, Oct. 13

Jerrell and Jane **Ross Richer '85**, Ukiah, Calif., Sierra Ross, April 9.

J. Douglas '88 and **Amy Litwiller Sharp '91**, Gilbert, Ariz., Carson Jay, April 15.

Notes

Elizabeth R. Bontrager '85, Elkhart, Ind., plans to move to the Chicago area in October, where her

Alumni Weekend

Oct. 1-3, 1999

You won't get to meet all 19,000 GC graduates in three days, but you can get started. Mark your calendar for Alumni Weekend, a wonderful time to reminisce and get reacquainted with classmates.

Friday, Oct. 1

8 a.m.	Associates breakfast *Church-Chapel Fellowship Hall*
10 a.m.	Culture for Service convocation *Church-Chapel*
Noon	Golf scramble *Black Squirrel Golf Club*
5 p.m.	Class of 1949 50th Anniversary Banquet *Greencroft*
5:30 p.m.	Alumni family picnic *Gingerich Center*
6-9 p.m.	Art exhibit *Good Library*
8 p.m.	One acts *Umble Center*

Saturday, Oct. 2

8 a.m.	Prayer service *College Cabin*
8:45 a.m.	Child care
8:45 a.m.	Kids' activities
9 a.m.	Reunion brunches
	45th anniversary – Class of 1954 *Goshen Inn*
	40th anniversary – Class of 1959 *Greencroft*
	35th anniversary – Class of 1964 *Essenhaus*
	30th anniversary – Class of 1969 *Greencroft*
	25th anniversary – Class of 1974 *Larimer Banquet and Conference Center*
	20th anniversary – Class of 1979 *Larimer Banquet and Conference Center*
	15th anniversary – Class of 1984 *Church-Chapel Koinonia Room*
	10th anniversary – Class of 1989 *Church-Chapel Gathering Room*
	5th anniversary – Class of 1994 *Electric Brew*
9 a.m.	Gold Leaf Brunch for classes graduating in 1949 and before
11 a.m.	Reunions following Gold Leaf Brunch
	60th anniversary – Class of 1939 *Multicultural-International Education Lounge*
	55th anniversary – Class of 1944 *Westlawn Lounge*
	50th anniversary – Class of 1949 *College Cabin*
11 a.m.	Men's tennis vs. Alumni
11 a.m.	Women's tennis vs. Taylor
Noon	GC Ponderosa cross country invitational
1 p.m.	Alumni and department gatherings *Schrock Plaza*
2 p.m.	African-American Reunion *Multicultural-International Education Lounge*
2 p.m.	Men's soccer vs. Robert Morris (Ill.)
2:30 p.m.	Eigsti Track and Field Complex dedication and Fall Classic 5K run/3K walk
5:30 p.m.	Pizza and swim party *Gingerich Center*
5:30 p.m.	Alumni banquet and program *Church-Chapel Fellowship Hall*
8 p.m.	Concert, Introduction and Allegro: Celebrating Music at Goshen College *Union*

Sunday, Oct. 3

9:15 a.m.	Worship service *College Mennonite Church*
10:45 a.m.	Alumni hymn sing *College Mennonite Church*
2 p.m.	Women's soccer vs. St. Mary's
2 p.m.	One acts *Umble Center*

1999-2000 educational travel

Stratford Theater Trip
Full

Oct. 15-17, 1999

Haiti: Missions and Development in a Third World Setting
Cancelled

Jan. 27-Feb. 7, 2000

Photographing Santa Barbara

Feb. 13-18, 2000

Leaders: Henry and Mary Weaver. Santa Barbara, between mountains and the Pacific Ocean, is one of the most photogenic locales in the United States. There will be lectures, photographing the city's special sights and image evaluation each day. For beginners to experienced amateurs. Nonparticipating spouses may audit. **Cost:** $495, nonparticipating spouse $320

Oberammergau and More

June 2000

Leaders: Chris and Hans Thögersen. Plans are being developed for the Thögersens, who lived in Berlin for many years, to lead a trip to Berlin, Prague, Salsburg, Oberammergau's Passion Play, Munich and Dachau. Dates and price to be determined. Call to put your name on the mailing list.

Scandinavia: Sights and Song

Approximate dates: June 19-July 4, 2001

Leaders: Doyle and Mary Jo Preheim. We are offering our third alumni and friends choir and sightseeing tour – this time to Scandinavia. The choir will give several concerts. Sightseeing includes St. Petersburg, Stockholm, Kalmar, Copenhagen, Oslo, the Lom Area, Bergen and more. Cost and details have not been finalized; we are taking names of those who are interested. Non-singing members welcome.

For more information, call Janette Yoder at (219) 535-7545 or e-mail janetteky@goshen.edu.

Art trip to Florence: May 20-31, 1999 (From left): Front row – Anne Hershberger '58, Edna Kennel '57, Richard Mark '55, Ruth Mark '56, Sandra Buhrt, Leanne Schertz '58, Arlene Osen, Dorothy Fricke '62, Jan Atwood '79, Abner Hershberger '60. Middle – Aristides Papadopoulos, Catherine Hershberger, George Mark '52, Arlene Mark '55, Martin DeAgostino, Myrna De Agostino '79, Elizabeth Reed, Carole Thomas. Back – Michael Thomas, Carole Papadopoulos, Gregory Hershberger '71, Mabel Brunk '47, Richard Osen, Michael Buhrt, James Reed, Laura Funk '66.

husband, Phil Waite, will pastor Oak Park Mennonite Church.

Carole Goodall Boshart '87, Elkhart, Ind., is studying at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary for a master's degree in spiritual formation. She is the book order manager at the seminary bookstore.

Ann and **Bruce Campbell-Janz '88**, Kinshasa, Congo, have been the MCC co-country representatives for the Democratic Republic of Congo since August 1996.

Rex A. Eicher '87, Burr Oak, Mich., is worship leader at Grace Christian Fellowship.

Robin R. Gingerich '87, Parnell, Iowa, is a graduate student at the University of Iowa studying teaching English to speakers of other languages.

Michael L. Gingrich '85, Bristol, Ind., is a computer numerical control programmer in product development and drafting at Omega Industries.

Anthony P. Godshall '87, Glen Cove, Calif., is working as an industrial and warehouse automation troubleshooter and programmer.

Steven Hartman Keiser '87, Columbus, Ohio, was recently named an Ohio Bicentennial Legacy Scholar by the Ohio Bicentennial Commission; the scholarships are funded to encourage the study of Ohio history. His dissertation topic is "The emergency of the 'Midwestern' variety of Pennsylvania German as a marker of regional ethnic identity in Amish settlements west of the Appalachians (1862-1999); the roles of Holmes County, Ohio."

John A. Hochstetler '87, Highland, Ind., teaches fourth grade in the Crown Point School District.

Jenny Von Gunten Jutzi '88, Parkhill, Canada, is employed at Nairn Family Homes. She is also a part-time art therapy student at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario.

Shen Kai '88, Chengdu, Sichuan, Peoples Republic of China, is currently senior cultural assistant to the U.S. Information Service, American Consulate General.

Timothy P. Klassen '85, Portland, Ore., is involved in bicycle advocacy groups and works for the local transit agency as a bus operator.

Doreen Martin Lachance '85, Elmira, Ontario, is working as a piano teacher and private tutor.

Rodney A. Lefever '88, Lancaster, Pa., is president of D&E SuperNet.

Becky J. Martin '88, Nuremberg, Germany, was employed for four years by the Anhaltisches Theater in Dessau. In September she will begin singing as a mezzo-soprano soloist at the opera in Nuremberg.

Thomas G. '87 and **Crystal Richard Miller '86**, Sunnyvale, Calif., recently moved to a new residence; Thomas is a research scientist for KLA-Tencor, San Jose, Calif.

Sandra Nickel-Salisbury '85, Exeter, England, is working in financial services and is a full-time parent.

Emily J. Riesser '86, Seattle, Wash., has performed as Zerlina in *Don Giovanni*, Gretel in *Hansel und Gretel*, Musetta in *La Bohéme* and the title role of Carlisle Floyd's *Susannah*. She is a soprano soloist at Westminster Presbyterian Church and premiered Jay Hamilton's new work from the *Book of Other Worlds*. She also provided soundtrack vocals for the independent feature film *Sunrise on Alphabet City* and has done singing/acting roles with Greenstage, including a production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Timothy J. Stalter '85 began a new position as head of choral activities at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, in August.

Philip E. Stoltzfus '87, Newton, Kan., is assistant professor of Bible and religion at Bethel College and is working towards a degree in theology at Harvard Divinity School.

Pamela Peachey Vail '88, Millersburg, Ind., is day shift coordinator for intensive/coronary care at Elkhart General Hospital.

R. Bruce Yoder '87, Elkhart, Ind., received a master of divinity degree from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in May. He and his wife, Nancy Frey Yoder, are planning to move to West Africa to serve with Mennonite Board of Missions.

1990

Births

Arley E. and Leslie **Arthur**, Indianapolis, Ana Margarita, April 5.

Olin and **Karen Gerber Geiser**,

Alumnus authors *TOEFL CBT* study guide for Princeton Review

Fueled by experiences in China through Study-Service Term (SST) and the Brethren Colleges Abroad (BCA) program, a book by the late George S. Miller '89 was recently published. *1999 Princeton Review Cracking the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Computer-Based Test (CBT)* is a study guide for international students.

Miller passed away in a drowning accident in early July. He last resided in Greenwich Village, Manhattan, N.Y., where he ran his own ESL business.

A communication major while at GC, Miller began teaching English as a second language (ESL) during his three-month SST assignment in China. "It only took me a few classes to realize how rewarding it was to help another person try to figure out all the peculiarities of a language, especially one as grammatically inconsistent as English," he said in an interview in June.

Said Miller, "It is almost strange how everything has come full circle. I started teaching ESL on SST and now, because of that experience, Chinese students have a book that just might help them achieve their dream of studying at an American university.

"Overall, I am quite satisfied with the result," he said. "The book focuses on what students need to know in order to raise their TOEFL score, whereas many other TOEFL books on the market teach grammar points that students won't encounter on the actual test."

— Anne Berry

Orrville, Ohio, Elizabeth Grace, Jan. 5.

Anthony S. and Leah Stutzman **Miller**, Goshen, Quinn Anthony, May 21.

Gordon R. and **Tonya Holsopple Miller '92**, Fort Wayne, Ind., Kienan Ray, Jan. 15.

Gregory S. and **Michelle Hummel Steffen '91**, Harrisonburg, Va., Elijah John, March 22.

Notes

David A. Coil, Millersburg, Ohio, became a partner at Hummel Insurance Agency Jan. 1. He is also a member of the Holmes County Chamber of Commerce board and Elevators Mutual Insurance Company advisory council.

Robert M. Kurtz, West Lafayette, Ind., is enrolled in the doctorate program in speech-language pathology and works as a linguistics instructor at Purdue University.

Julie R. Miller, San Antonio, Texas, is a nurse case manager for patients with neurological problems, cancer or blood disorders.

Maynard M. Miller, Millersburg, Ohio, operates his own small business, Bookfinders, buying and reselling used textbooks and library books.

Gregory S. and **Michelle Hummel Steffen '91**, Harrisonburg, Va., are employed at Eastern Mennonite University, where Gregory is the women's soccer coach and Michelle is a resident director.

Lynnel J. Swick, Columbia City, Ind., is a registered nurse in Whitley Memorial Hospital's coronary care unit and in a doctor's office. Each January she travels to Jamaica to build and remodel churches.

Laurel B. Voran, Wayne, Pa., is a gardener at Chanticleer, a public garden near Philadelphia.

Bradley K. Yoder, Pittsburgh, has two new CDs due out in 1999.

1991

Marriage

Sue J. Hershberger and **Jon D. Yoder**, both of Portland, Ore., July 3.

Births

Darin K. '92 and **Lisa Nafziger Short**, Goshen, Mason Lane, Feb. 4.

Rick L. '92 and **Lori Kauffman Yoder**, Archbold, Ohio, Stepheni Marlene Gongwer, May 9.

Notes

Cathleen Hockman-Wert, Huntingdon, Pa., continues to work for Mennonite Women and has just completed the *Mennonite Women's Annual Bible Study Guide.*

Eric M. Massanari, Denver, received his master of divinity degree in May from the Iliff School of Theology, a seminary of the United Methodist Church.

Joy Sager McCalister, Bailey, Colo., continues to work at Camp Id-Ra-Ha-Je.

W. Todd Miller, Middlebury, Ind., works at Bank One's trust tax department.

Troy D. Tilus, Gold Canyon, Ariz., is employed by the International School of Language, Milan, Italy. He completed two-and-a-half years in Central Africa in the Peace Corps, teaching English in Chad.

Jay L. Wedel, Hesston, Kan., graduated from the University of Nebraska with a master's degree in physician assistant studies; he continues to work in a family practice clinic.

Jon D. Yoder, Portland, Ore., finished two years of architectural design work on an assembly building for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon Church) in Salt Lake City. Upon completion, the multi-use, 21,000-seat facility will be the world's largest theater.

1992

Births

Matthew J. Baer and **Jeanne I. Yordy '93**, Tucson, Ariz., Elias Yordy, March 17.

Lerner draws on roots to finish straw projects

While many architects use only the latest building technology and materials to meet the needs of their clients, Kelly Lerner '85 is providing shelters and facilities in Mongolia utilizing a centuries-old method and material – straw.

Lerner is contracted by the United Nations Development Program and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency to build shelters and other structures in Mongolia using nothing but straw bales. So far, she has finished 12 clinics, a housing complex for homeless families and a two-story training center for the Mongolian Women's Federation. She is currently working in Northern China on another of her "100 percent grass solution" projects.

"The world doesn't contain enough resources to house all the people in the world in the kind of houses we have," Lerner told the Contra Costa, Calif., *Sunday Times* newspaper in an April 11 article. "Straw bale construction is literally making walls out of straw bales, like Lego blocks."

The straw edifices are perfectly suited for the Mongolian countryside, featuring accessible building materials, low-cost construction and "incredible insulation against heat, cold and wind," said Lerner. The Mongolian winters frequently drop to 40 degrees below zero, and the country is seeing a growing rate of homeless people, especially children. Lerner's projects are in demand in areas where housing materials are scarce and winters are harsh.

Lerner relates straw building construction to "an Amish barn raising," citing the group effort it takes to complete the project. At GC, she majored in interdisciplinary studies, combining women's studies, Spanish and tropical agriculture. Lerner told the newspaper the GC motto, *Culture for Service*, "sums up why I'm doing what I'm doing. You get educated to serve other people."

— Nick Johnson

Brent J. and **Marcella Swartzendruber Miller**, Staten Island, N.Y., Olivia Joy, Jan 26.

Eric and **Marla Gascho Miller**, Archbold, Ohio, Elizabeth Kate, July 20, 1998.

Timothy C. '94 and **Krista Vogt Troyer**, Goshen, William Thomas, March 5.

Notes

Sheila Pfenning Gibson, Goshen, received the Society of Professional Journalists 1999 Indiana Journalism Coverage Award for her reporting following the shooting death of a police officer.

Avinash N. Kessop moved to Minneapolis in April; he works for U.S. Bankcorp.

Brad Litwiller is an electrician with Miller's Electric. His wife, **Angela Miller Litwiller '94**, teaches first grade at Shipshewana-Scott Elementary in the Westview School Corporation.

Thavisith Mounsithiraj, Middlebury, Ind., has been head coach of the girls soccer program at Northridge High School since 1996.

Rachel K. Summers, Fishers, Ind., is a software design consultant for Crowe Chizek and Co. LLP.

Charles and **Keri Kaufman Weaver**, Elkhart, Ind., started Living Rock Church, located in Osceola, Ind., in June 1998. Keri has been a registered nurse at Elkhart General Hospital for five years.

Rick L. Yoder, Archbold, Ohio, joined Archbold Medical Group in July as a family practice physician.

1993

Births

Paul D. Housholder '94 and **Kirsten K. Oleen**, Goshen, Marcus Bryn, April 29.

Matius and **Karin Larson Krisetya '95**, Atlanta. Ga., Elia Neill, May 26.

Notes

Tonya R. Boschmann, Phoenix, Ariz., is pursuing teacher certification in middle school education with an English as a Second Language focus.

Angela R. Brumett, Phoenix, a professor at Phoenix College, will receive her doctorate in May from the University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette.

Ingrid E. Friesen, Fresno, Calif., was recently honored by the Illinois Dietetic Association as its Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year, which recognized her leadership and dedication to the dietetics profession.

Brian R. Hook, St. Louis, will attend Eden Theological Seminary in the fall, financing his studies with freelance writing.

Jason K. Samuel, Goshen, received the state 1999 Best Sports Play-By-Play award for his coverage of the high school boys' basketball sectional championship at Westview High School.

Mark Metzler Sawin, Austin, Texas, passed qualifying exams in April and is working on his dissertation toward a doctorate in American studies.

1994

Notes

Bonnie Mast Bellah, Oklahoma City, Okla., is a case manager for maternity and pediatrics at Variety Health Center.

Brian F. Duerr, Roebling, N.J., is a clinical coordinator at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton.

Jennifer L. Helmuth, Elkhart, Ind., teaches fifth grade at Jefferson Elementary.

Sherry L. Hibbard, Sturgis, Mich., is in her third year of teaching kindergarten.

Delmar Miller, Corvallis, Ore., is employed as a research technician for International Seeds Inc., developing forage and turf grasses.

Jeffrey J. Reimer, Gridley, Ill., received a master of science degree in agricultural economics from the University of Illinois in August.

Angela D. Richard, Elkhart, Ind., spent five weeks in July and August teaching English through a China Educational Exchange summer program.

Stacy Schmucker Stoltzfus, Halifax, Pa., was promoted to food service director at Camp Hebron.

Yunqing Xia, New Milford, N.J., is working as a financial analyst at United Water Services.

1995

Marriage

Kimberly Souder, Goshen, and Rick Barrett, Elkhart, Ind., April 24.

Notes

Kimberly Souder Barrett, Goshen, is a registered nurse in pediatrics at Goshen General Hospital.

Michael J. Goode, Sandwich, Ill., completed nonviolence training with Christian Peacemaker Teams in Chicago in January; he then served three months in Hebron, West Bank.

Amy and **David B. Hochstetler Lapp '96** moved to Philadelphia in August 1998. Amy is a piano technician at Cunningham Piano Co., Germantown; David teaches adult basic education at Lutheran Settlement House.

Jeanne Cadieux James, Sturgis, Mich., completed a master of science in nursing degree; she is a family nurse practitioner.

Chanél Weaver Mast, Goshen, was promoted to registered nurse manager at Elkhart General Hospital.

Jeffrey L. Nofziger and Tiffany Clark, Columbus, Ohio, opened their own travel agency, T&J Travel.

Joseph D. Smucker, Cleveland, Ohio, began his residency in orthopedic surgery at Case Western Reserve University in June.

1996

Notes

Bryan R. Falcón, Goshen, began a master's degree program in directing at Western Illinois University this fall.

David S. Moyer, Akron, Pa., is pursuing teacher certification in Spanish at Millersville University.

Julie A. Plank, Mattawana, Pa., teaches third grade at Ascención Christian Academy.

Timothy L. Troyer, Belleville, Mich., achieved candidacy in his graduate studies. He preaches occasionally, works with the youth at Ann Arbor Mennonite Church and is a wrestling official.

1997

Marriage

Vanessa Scoville and Craig Gonsoski, both of Elkhart, Ind., Oct. 24, 1997.

Notes

Muneer M. Hussain, Haifa, Israel, is working as a financial analyst with the Zeev Kerisanti Accounting Firm and as a strategist for a new internet services company, Active Web Internet Solutions Ltd.

Rachel B. Miller, Dallas, began a year of voluntary service with a Texas Catholic Conference-affiliated program, Volunteers for Educational and Social Services, in August 1998, and will continue through July 2000 as a refugee resettlement caseworker.

Kenan J. Sauder, Goshen, began a four-month MCC assignment in Nicaragua in April as a work team coordinator.

Ryan J. Sauder, Pittsburgh, works as a research specialist at the University of Pittsburgh's Center for Bioethics and Health Law. He attends Pittsburgh Mennonite Church.

Virgil E. Sauder, Elkhart, Ind., graduated in May with a master's degree in theological studies in biblical studies from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart.

Kristina and **Reuben Glick Shank**, Millersburg, Ohio, are beginning a three-year MCC assignment in Bolivia, Kristina as a women's promoter and library supporter and Reuben as an agricultural worker.

1998

Marriage

Benjamin P. Snyder and Angela Allison, both of New Paris, Ind., May 30.

Birth

Todd and Michele Doepker **Younggreen**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Shelby Marie, March 19.

Notes

Erin J. Eichelberger, Boulder, Colo., is serving a two-year term with Mennonite Voluntary Service. She is an administrative assistant at the Humane Society of Boulder Valley.

Erica J. Friesen, Swartz Creek, Mich., received a fellowship and a complete tuition grant from Wayne State University's theater department, where she began a master's program in costume design this fall with the Hilberry Repertory Theatre.

Andrew R. Hartzler, Goshen, is an accountant with Crowe, Chizek and Co., Elkhart.

Karen Showalter Miller, Cambridge, Mass., began a two-year MCC assignment in Indianapolis in April as assistant manager at Ten Thousand Villages.

Charles N. Mininger, Seattle, works as a mental health counselor at an agency providing housing for homeless, mentally ill adults.

1999

Birth

Arthur J. and Jennifer **Kalb**, Middlebury, Ind., Cheyenne Celeste, Feb. 13.

1999 *Culture for Service* award winners named

Adella Brunk Kanagy

Adella Brunk Kanagy '44 finds that the tasks of each day encompass the work she must do in service to God.

Born in Biglerville, Pa., Adella moved to Goshen with her family in 1934 when her father was asked to manage GC's shirt factory. After receiving a GC bachelor's degree in nursing, she attended LaJunta (Colo.) Mennonite School of Nursing to become a registered nurse; for 11 years, she has edited the alumnae newsletter.

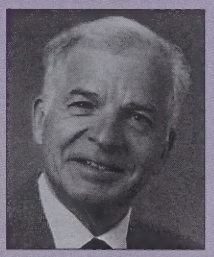
Adella married Lee Kanagy '49 in 1948. In 1951, they began a Mennonite Board of Missions assignment in Japan, planting a church in Nakashibetsu and serving in Furano and Ashoro.

"Serving the needs we found in Japan became the everyday application of *Culture for Service*; we served by being learners of the Japanese language and customs," said Adella, whose children include Dan '75, Ruth, David, Tim and Lois.

The Kanagys relocated to Fairfax, Va., in 1974, and gave leadership to a Japanese church in Washington, D.C. Adella returned to nursing and was licensed as a chaplain by the Northern Virginia Mennonite Church. She received a master's degree in interdisciplinary studies and a certificate in gerontology in 1987; also during that year, she and Lee returned to his home area in Belleville, Pa. They attend Allensville Mennonite Church.

For five years, Adella served as a hospice chaplain, helped initiate "Nurse in the Congregation" roles locally and organized an Interchurch Health Group for education and support of healthy lifestyles.

Fred Speckeen



For 40 years, service has meant music, education and involvement with the Presbyterian Church for Fred Speckeen '53.

Fred earned a degree in social sciences at GC and a divinity degree from Goshen Biblical Seminary in 1956. Ordained at First Presbyterian Church, Goshen, the following year, he received his doctorate in rhetoric/public speech from Michigan State University.

Fred was speech chair, forensics director and dean of students at the University of Dubuque (Iowa) from 1960 to 1962 and later dean of students and vice president at Waterloo (Ontario, Canada) Lutheran University. Between 1970 and 1994, he was president of four colleges and an interim pastor.

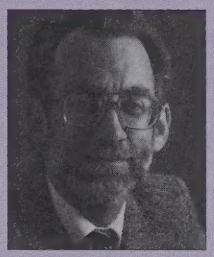
In the 1960s, Fred was a political candidate and contributed to numerous community-related organizations, including the Mayor's Committee on Youth, Calgary, Alberta, and a community symphony he helped found.

Fred married his wife Joan, a nurse, in 1978. In 1987 they went to Nicaragua with educational and medical supplies during a civil war, starting a nursing school. They are planning to return to work with the University Polytechnical Institute.

Fred works with aboriginal people, is a member of the Professional Business Association and the Calgary Philharmonic Choir and chairman of the national, interdenominational Inter-Church Action Group for Asia and the Pacific Islands.

A member of GC's alumni board from 1981 to 1984, he raised funds for the Bill Smoker Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Howard Zehr



Combining a love for photography and commitment to the restorative justice movement, Howard Zehr promotes peace and justice by challenging traditional attitudes toward the U.S. criminal justice system.

Howard attended GC from 1962 to 1963 before transferring to Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., where he received a history degree.

After freelance photography assignments in more than 20 countries, he turned to documentary work – exploring human experience through photographic images.

Howard pioneered reconciliation between victims and offenders through "restorative justice," an alternative, biblically based program. With national and international experience, he is considered an authority in the field. He founded Elkhart County Prisoners And Community Together (now called the Center for Community Justice), directed the first U.S. Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP) in Elkhart, Ind., and served as the director of Mennonite Central Committee's office on crime and justice.

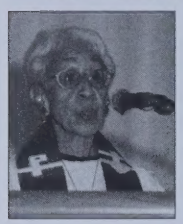
Howard has published *Changing Lenses: A New Focus for Crime and Justice* and *Doing Life: Reflections of Men and Women Serving Life Sentences*, a collection of portraits and interviews with men and women sentenced to life in prison. His exhibition, "Waiting on the Outside," studies spouses of incarcerated, and "Dreams of St. Thomas" reflects life in a New Orleans housing project.

In 1996, Howard joined Eastern Mennonite University as professor of sociology and restorative justice.

— Anne Berry

1999 grads called to be 'flames of living love'

1999 graduates were called to be "living flames of love," then given the blessing "Vaya con Dios" ("Go with God") in both English and Spanish during GC's 101st commencement ceremony May 23 in the Gingerich Recreation-Fitness Center.



The theme for the commencement celebration, chosen by a group of graduating seniors, was "Meeting at the Crossroads: Vaya con Dios," a fitting recognition of GC's international education program which celebrated its 30th year in 1998-99. The dual language theme paralleled the address to graduates, given in Spanish by Guatemalan poet, theologian and activist Julia Esquivel and translated in English by GC Assistant Professor of Spanish Marcia LeMay.

GC granted around 230 bachelor's degrees to students completing traditional programs; 27 bachelor's degrees were achieved through the college's Degree Completion Program.

Continuing a tradition started last year, 44 percent of 1999 GC graduates signed a pledge card stating they will be aware of and work at social and environmental responsibility as they move on to jobs, graduate school or service.

Members of the 101st graduating class distinguished themselves in many other ways during commencement, including Hiroka Kawahara of Hokkaido, Japan, who wore a colorful kimono.

Many of the GC students were able to translate Esquivel's speech for themselves as a result of having studied Spanish for several years and participating in SST. Esquivel, long a voice for Guatemalans suffering from oppression and persecution, addressed the graduates on "An Irrevocable Calling ... The Inescapable Urgency of an Option for Life." With vivid verbal imagery and poetry, she reflected on Christian life and faith.

Esquivel said Christians are called to be "flames of living love"; the only way of life that makes sense for those who would follow Jesus is to "convert ourselves into food for others," said the poet, who attends Casa Horeb, a Mennonite congregation in Guatemala City.

"Do you know, young people, who you really are? Where you are from and where you are going?" she asked. Losing one's identity, even when one is highly trained or holds an academic degree, happens when we don't recognize ourselves as children of God, she said, illustrating her message with New Testament examples.

"Whoever wishes to follow me, let him deny himself, carry his cross each day and come with me," said Esquivel, paraphrasing Christ's words from Luke 9:22-24. "Whoever would save her life (that is, to conform to the system) will lose it; whoever loses her life for my sake will save it."

Esquivel urged graduates to live life to the fullest by embracing a life lived for God. Those who live in a society with an overabundance of material goods must resist the temptation to "merely exist"; real life "is something more than economic, religious or professional standing," she said. Esquivel described her observations of the Amish community's "strong identity and proven faith" that provides them with the courage "to live as they do in the very heart of this empire of consumerism and luxury."

Her challenge to graduates was to continue to seek ways to follow Jesus. "Let us dare to live, to really live," Esquivel said. "Jesus will continue to teach us even now, so that we might know who we are and where we are going."

— Rachel Lapp

Strong year-end, special gifts combine for outstanding support of GC

Strong year-end giving and record and near-record giving in several categories have combined to make 1998-99 contributions one of the highest totals in GC history.

For the third consecutive year, giving to the GC Fund topped $1.8 million, according to unaudited figures from Kent Stucky, GC vice president for institutional advancement.

More than 6,200 households and organizations supported GC financially throughout the year, including almost 800 in June as the college approached the end of its fiscal year June 30. GC president Shirley H. Showalter said the level of support calls for celebration. "Alumni, churches, businesses, foundations and other friends of the college have responded to the uncommon cause that is Goshen College," she said.

"With their generous giving and their prayers, they make us stronger every year," said Showalter. "We thank them and pledge our renewed energy for creating affordable excellence in higher education. With these resources, we seek to glorify God."

Gifts to the GC Fund directly support an annual operating fund which includes more than $3 million in student financial aid. Approximately 90 percent of GC students benefit from financial aid administered by the college.

In total, the college received more than $13 million in gift income, a figure exceeded only in the two years when the college received the bulk of a large estate from Harold and Wilma Smucker Good. The 1998-99 total is more than twice the $5.6 million received in 1997-98.

During 1998-99, GC received a record $9.1 million in special funds, including more than $6 million in a series of grants from Lilly Endowment Inc. Special funds are used for building projects, endowments and other special programs.

In total, alumni contributed $4.1 million, with other friends of the college giving $1.5 million. The college received $7.1 million from businesses and foundations and $420,000 from churches.

— Lyle Miller

Students display May art

Students in the May term sculpture course presented their latest works at an annual outdoor class outside the Visual Arts Building. The drawing class had work on display inside the building.

The outdoor exhibit featured artwork ranging from foam sculptures to wood constructs to self-portraits made in clay, intriguing many passersby. Student artists and Associate Professor of Art John Mishler were available to discuss the work.

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Personnel decisions, optimistic reports conclude Showalter's first term

The Board of Overseers completed personnel moves, heard reports of good news and reviewed the completion of Shirley H. Showalter's first term as president at its thrice-annual meetings June 4 and 5.

Showalter's presidential report was optimistic. On June 30, she said, the college hoped to complete its 60th year of revenues exceeding expenses. Enrollment projections continue to indicate a likely increase in new-student numbers this fall and the college received recognition from Yahoo!, the popular Internet search engine, as one the nation's "most-wired" campuses. Showalter completed her first term on June 30.

Actions were taken to ratify assignments approved earlier by phone (see page 24).

Several teaching faculty members received promotions: Jo-Ann Brant, professor of Bible, religion and philosophy; Rachel Waltner Goossen, associate professor of history; Alexandra Sterling-Hellenbrand, associate professor of German; Russ Rupp, associate professor of accounting; and Dan Smith, associate professor of chemistry.

Shawn Gerber was named resident director of Yoder Hall and Jenelle Basinger resident director of Kulp and Coffman halls. The two will serve as co-directors of small group housing.

The board ratified a phone decision granting the title of associate professor emerita of social work and director emerita of women's studies to Anna Bowman for her more than 20 years of service to GC.

Three members were added to the Board of Trustees at Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center. Marcia McNagny was appointed to the board of the college's 1,150 environmental studies center near Wolf Lake; earlier appointments of Nancy Price and Christian Riesebert were ratified.

— Lyle Miller

New professors bring diverse specialties to campus

Art

After more than 20 years at Hesston (Kan.) College and five years at Bethel College (Newton, Kan.), **John Blosser '70** joins GC as an associate professor of art.

Blosser, director of Hesston's art gallery, received a master's degree from Bowling Green (Ohio) State University and a master of fine arts degree from Arizona State University in 1986. He served with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) for two years.

Blosser's paintings and drawings have been included in 20 invitational shows – several at GC – in addition to 15 solo, four faculty and nearly 50 juried shows. The recipient of several grants and exhibit awards is also affiliated with the Kaufman Gallery, Berlin, Ohio.

Twice an artist-in-residence, Blosser has served as a workshop leader and lecturer and juror for art exhibits and grant proposals. He also worked with the Mennonite Artists Project.

Communication

Mark Kelley of WNDU-TV (South Bend, Ind.) is trading the anchor desk for a lectern, joining the faculty as associate professor of communication.

Kelley, who started at the NBC station in 1987, was lead anchor for five years and helped develop a community problem-solving segment.

He worked as a reporter in Pennsylvania and New York after graduating from the State University of New York in 1971, then taught at Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite High School. He received a master's degree in broadcast journalism at Syracuse (N.Y.) University in 1981.

Kelley served as an assistant professor at GC from 1982 to 1985, returning to teach Writing for the Electronic Media. He has given presentations on media literacy since 1985.

History

Steve Nolt '90 and **Jan Bender Shetler '78** join the faculty as assistant professors of history.

Nolt, who will teach courses in American history at GC and work on a Mennonite Historical Library project on Indiana Amish, received a master's degree (1996) and doctorate (1998) in history from the University of Notre Dame. He also earned a degree in theological studies from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in 1994.

Nolt specializes in U.S. ethnicity, immigration and religious history. He is the author or co-author of four books and has written about Mennonites for the *Encyclopedia of Religious History* and magazines and journals. He contributes to *Christian Living* magazine and the *Mennonite Historical Bulletin*, and prepared text for the Amish and Mennonite Visitors Center and Museum, Arcola, Ill.

With world history as her main area of instruction at GC, Bender Shetler brings a specialization in African history. Fluent in Swahili and conversant in several other languages, Bender Shetler served 11 years in Ethiopia, Portugal, Zaire and Tanzania with MCC; she conducted dissertation research in Tanzania, using oral history to construct a pre-colonial narrative history of the Mara region.

Bender Shetler received a master's degree in 1993 and a doctorate in 1998, both from the University of Florida. A 1995 Fulbright recipient who has held numerous fellowships, she has published writings on Africa in several scholarly journals.

Business programs

With expertise in organizational development and conflict transformation in organizations through consultation, mediation and training, **Rhonda Pfaltzgraff-Carlson** will serve as an assistant professor in the business and psychology departments.

The Bethel College (Newton, Kan.) graduate received her master's degree from Ohio State University in 1995, concentrating in quantitative psychology and conflict resolution in international organizations. She completed her doctorate in the industrial and organizational psychology program at OSU in 1998. She served as a teaching and research associate and, in 1997, as a research assistant for a grant funded by Citicorp Behavioral Sciences Research Council.

Owner and president of Harmony Management Consulting, a business providing marketing and consulting services, Pfaltzgraff-Carlson has co-authored numerous articles and presentations.

Philip Rush '85 joins the faculty as an assistant professor in one of GC's newest departments, business information systems.

Rush served Eastern Mennonite University (Harrisonburg, Va.) as regional director of development and taught numerous continuing education courses. For two years, he was assistant director of China Educational Exchange after serving with the program in Sichuan province for two years. He has also been a freelance computer consultant/ programmer since 1985.

From 1986 to 1991, Rush was associate and interim director of student financial aid at GC. He also worked in the college's computing services and accounting departments.

— Rachel Lapp

Science courses win NSF grant

With new technology often comes opportunities for new ways of learning, and a grant from the National Science Foundation's "Course, Curriculum and Laboratory Improvement" program to Goshen College is opening more of those doors to students. The grant, totaling $65,907, will be matched by the college.

Supervised by Professor of Biology and Department Chair James Miller, the two-year project titled "Improving the Analytical and Collaborative Skills of Students with Inquiry Activities in Physiology Laboratories" will aid in developing inquiry-type lab exercises for students taking courses in physiology. Miller, who wrote the grant application, will be responsible for developing numerous lab exercises by which students will work in groups to develop and design ways to test a hypothesis, collect appropriate data and present their findings.

"The project will use modern pedagogical methods and computer data acquisition technology to improve biology education at GC," said Miller. "In these exercises, students will develop a range of analytical and collaborative skills, and appropriate concepts and laboratory techniques will be embedded in the process."

— Nick Johnson

GC welcomes admissions counselors

Angela Birky '99 (left), Nina Newburn (center) and La Tanya Reese (right) joined the GC campus as admissions counselors in July.

Director of Admissions Marty Kelley highlighted each counselor's strengths, saying "Angela has a strong commitment to and appreciation for the Mennonite Church and Mennonite higher education; La Tanya brings familiarity with the South Bend (Ind.) area and two years experience in admissions at Washington University; and Nina has a strong commitment to a caring campus environment, bringing a great deal of creativity and management experience to the job. All of these skills are essential in admissions work."

At GC, Birky majored in communication and minored in Spanish. Involved in campus ministries, she served as a student senate representative and was a member of the Latino Student Union.

Newburn received a bachelor's degree from Kansas City (Kan.) Art Institute. She has worked for nine years at Hertzler Systems Inc., including as manager of purchasing, merchandise received and inventory.

Reese, a 1997 graduate of Washington University of St. Louis, majored in English literature and African-American literature and earned a minor in Spanish. Last year she was a permanent substitute teacher at John Adams High School, South Bend.

Admissions counselors work with students throughout the country. Birky's recruitment territories include New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Ohio. Newburn will assist postgraduates, transfer, readmit and transient students and assist with summer registration events; her recruitment territories are Kansas and Puerto Rico. Reese, who will be involved in GC's summer Computer Camp, has a recruitment territory covering St. Joseph County (Ind.), Mississippi, South Dakota, Colorado, Florida, Arizona and Oregon.

— Anne Berry

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Keenan recognized for 25 years

GC recently recognized Sylva Keenan, secretary in the nursing department, for 25 years of service to the college. When Keenan first came to the college, she was a secretary in the dean's office before moving to the nursing department; between 1985 and 1997, she divided her time between the campus post office and the nursing department. Vicky Kirkton, interim director of nursing at GC, presented Keenan with a gift of original quilt art on behalf of the college.

Recognized for 15 years of service during the 1998-99 school year was Carolyn Leatherman, registrar's secretary.

Recognized for 10 years of service were Bill Bassett, custodian; Linda Bontreger, nursing office manager; Marti Thompson, administrative assistant, student financial aid; Linda Wilfong, administrative assistant, business department; and Janet Shoemaker, administrative assistant, Mennonite Historical Library.

Recognized for five years of service were Renee Rodman, post office clerk; Jim Dreier, general maintenance assistant; and Patty Goodman, office manager, information technology services.

Web site offers a glimpse of SST

For parents whose children are studying abroad, a few weeks can seem like an eternity while waiting for that first letter from Asia, Europe, Africa or Central America.

During the 30th anniversary year of Study-Service Term (SST), the ingenuity of college faculty recently made it possible for parents of SSTers to understand the experience in a new way, observing their sons and daughters online through GC's SST Web sites. The sites provide photos, descriptions of group activities, quotes from students and information about host countries.

GC Adjunct Assistant Professor of Physics Paul Meyer Reimer, also the college's webmaster, posted the first SST Web site while serving as faculty co-leader in the Dominican Republic (DR) during the summer of 1998.

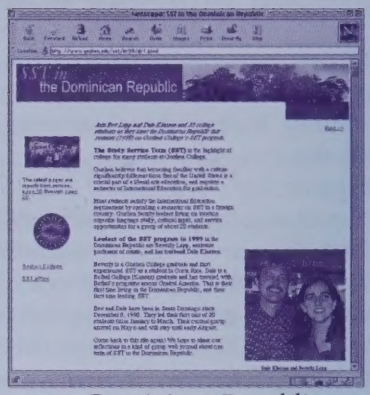
Meyer Reimer said the sites provide an opportunity for parents to get to know the SST program and check on their children in a way that doesn't compromise students' immersion in a host country's culture.

"Following an SST group through their experience via the Internet is a powerful way to see what people are doing and what SST is genuinely about," said Meyer Reimer. "It is a unique program, so we want to try and convey that uniqueness."

Wilbur Birky, GC director of international education, said response to the DR and Côte d'Ivoire Web sites has been very positive. "One parent noted how neat it was just to see the face of her daughter; others appreciated the opportunity to see the living context in which their sons or daughters are studying," he said. "There has been appreciation for this kind of opportunity to 'look in,' so to speak, without intruding upon the 'presence' of the students in the culture itself."

The DR web site includes links to sources for news and current events and is located at www.goshen.edu/sst/dr99/dr1.html. The Côte d'Ivoire site, located at www.goshen.edu/sst/ci/ci1.html, also provides links.

— Anne Berry



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Côte d'Ivoire
www.goshen.edu/sst/ci/ci1.html

Disabilities Day brings awareness of day-to-day activities

Vice President for Finance Jim Histand went about a typical day on campus in May, which first meant entering the Administration Building where his office is located. He experienced his routine differently than usual, however, by using a wheelchair during the college's Disabilities Day.

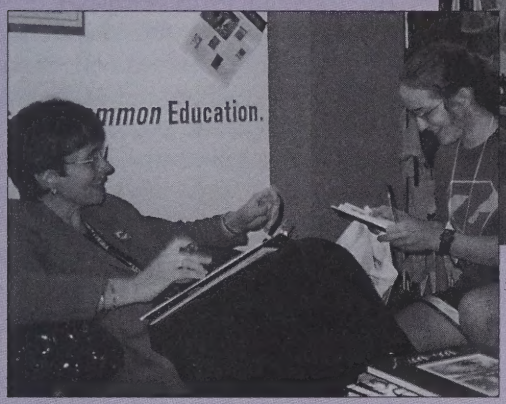
"Being wheelchair bound takes enormous upper body strength for movement, and resourcefulness and ingenuity to plan ahead and overcome unforeseen obstacles," said Histand. He added, "Most buildings and services on campus are indeed accessible, but some not easily."

GC Director of Human Resources and campus Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) committee member David Janzen said the committee planned the event to "investigate the status of the campus physical accessibility, to experience a few hours in a wheelchair to increase our sensitivity to the obstacles faced by persons with physical disabilities and to increase contact between GC students and residents of the Merimna Homes in Goshen."

GC students and Merimna Homes residents also participated in various activities throughout the day, including bowling and eating together and watching an outdoor movie on campus. Merimna Homes is a residential facility for people with disabilities.

An 'Uncommon' presence at St. Louis '99

Relief from the sweltering July temperatures wasn't the only thing sought at St. Louis '99,



the joint convention of the Mennonite Church, General Conference Mennonite Church and Conference of Mennonites in Canada. Also in demand were GC's purple lanyards, sported by hundreds of children, youth and adults and earned through a contest at the youth booth. Side by side with other schools in the convention's River Walk area, GC's booth also featured a miniature Eighth Street campus gate, photos of campus life and "uncommon" T-shirts; the adult booth was located in the Mennonite Board of Education area. About 70 GC faculty, staff and students represented the college. President Shirley H. Showalter (pictured at left, seated on popular bubble furniture in the youth booth) addressed about 100 people during an alumni gathering.

Muses reveals literary, cultural creativity

The vibrant state of Mennonite literature in the United States comes alive in *Migrant Muses: Mennonite/s Writing in the U.S.*, a book of critical essays and book reviews published by the Mennonite Historical Society.

The book features an introductory essay from the late Denise Levertov, an influential American poet who wrote and delivered the essay at GC three months before her death. Other major contributors include Mennonite writers Jeff Gundy '75, Julia Kasdorf (who attended GC) and Dallas Wiebe.

The book addresses a wide range of Mennonite literature and identity topics, including the relationship between artist and community, the existence of Mennonite literary "archetypes," the interplay of ethnicity and faith and the history of women in Mennonite literature. Many selections are based on presentations from "Mennonite/s Writing in the U.S." – a first-ever conference held at GC in October 1997.

In the foreword, co-editors John D. Roth and Ervin Beck write, "During the past 20 years, a flourishing body of literary and cultural creativity has emerged among Mennonites in the United States that suggests a fundamental shift in Mennonite attitudes toward the literary arts." They continue, "The number and quality of presentations at the conference represented a kind of coming-of-age for Mennonite creative writing and literary criticism."

Roth is professor of history and editor of *Mennonite Quarterly Review*; Beck is professor of English and chairs the department.

Mennonite Historical Society is offering *Migrant Muses* for $10 (plus $2 shipping and handling). Orders can be mailed to *Migrant Muses*, Mennonite Historical Society, Goshen College, Goshen, IN 46526. An order form is also available at www. goshen.edu/mqr/menn_writings.html.

— Obed Diener

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Birth of MCC explored in original stage play

Examining the birth of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), the Russian Mennonite experience and interdenominational cooperation, three students and peers from the history, communication, theater, music and art departments performed an original play, *As Lifting Chaff*, May 16.

1999 graduates Grant Rissler and Peter Eash Scott and senior Timothy Kennel wrote a one-hour play about the first MCC relief effort that united Anabaptist groups from North America to feed starving Russian Mennonites during the 1920s.

A uniquely moving experience for its audience, the play combined Russian Mennonite hymns, original video footage, historical accuracy and dramatic integrity to create an insightful message.

As Lifting Chaff was the culmination of efforts by Risser, Scott and Kennel to create a historically accurate drama that is relevant to modern audiences. Presented in the current context of the proposed Mennonite Conference and General Conference merger, *As Lifting Chaff* delivered a meaningful message about inter-Mennonite cooperation. The GC student producers said the play "provides a clear understanding of history and tradition" with a message that "helps Mennonites deal with a variety of contemporary issues ranging from integration to missions."

Students take part in NCUR conference; summer Scholars named

Physics majors Pete Byler (Jr., Washington, Ill.) and Nate Pletcher (Sr., Middlebury, Ind.), both participants in GC's Maple Scholars Program last summer, presented papers at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) at the University of Rochester (N.Y.) last spring.

Byler's presentation was "Phospholipid Bilayer Studies of Ion Channels formed by the Southern Bean Mosaic Virus."

Pletcher, whose presentation was "Grazing Angle X-ray Reflectivity for the Analysis of Crystal Structure," said, "It was a great experience to attend and present at a national conference because it provided an opportunity to see what other undergraduates are working on throughout the country."

The annual conference attracts the finest research conducted by undergraduate students in all areas of the liberal arts under the guidance of faculty mentors.

Students have the opportunity to submit their work for publication in the conference report. Both Pletcher's and Byler's papers were accepted. Papers submitted are reviewed by a board of faculty members from participating universities and colleges, of which GC Professor of Physics Carl Helrich is a member.

On campus, 10 students were selected for this year's Maple Scholars program, spending eight weeks conducting summer research at GC. Faculty created small research groups, inter-group visitations and activities and projects that allow students and professors to work together. A weekly colloquium gave each student the opportunity to update other scholars on the previous week's work.

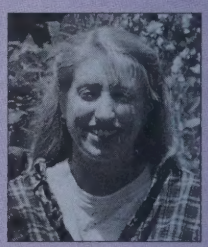
While past Maple Scholars have been scientists, Tim Kennel (Sr., Harrisonburg, Va.), a history major who catalogued the Hartzler music collection, broke new ground.

Students conducting research in biology were Reuben Budiarda (So., Indonesia), Nepolina Chhetri (Sr., Nepal), Allen Kaczor (So., São Paulo, Brazil), Laura Moyer (Jr., Green Lane, Pa.), Deborah Scott (Sr., Scottdale, Pa.) and Steve Lind (Jr. Hutchinson, Kan.).

Other Maple Scholars included Anna Englesone (Jr., Latvia) in mathematics and Adam Scharf (So., Goshen) in physics. Darren Bender (So., Lancaster, Pa.) worked at Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center.

— Anne Berry

Students participate in Ministry Inquiry Program



Eight Goshen College students spent the summer months learning about and serving the Mennonite Church, taking on various duties as part of their work in the Ministry Inquiry Program (MIP).

Director of Church Relations Sheldon Burkhalter said MIP experiences encourage college students to seriously consider church ministry. Among 29 GC MIP students in a recent five-year period, eight have begun seminary studies, nine are serving as youth pastors or with church agencies and 11 are in voluntary service.

Pictured (from left) are this year's participants, with the congregation they served and their home congregation:

- Ryan Kolb (Jr., Souderton, Pa.), Beth-El Mennonite Church, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Towamencin Mennonite Church, Kulpsville, Pa.
- Timothy Godshall (Sr., Mount Joy, Pa.), East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church, Lancaster, Pa.; Mount Joy (Pa.) Mennonite Church.
- Ryan Good (Sr., Washington, D.C.), Lee Heights Community Church, Cleveland, Ohio; Community House Church, Washington, D.C.
- Anne Horst (Sr., Goshen), Iglesia Menonita Evangelica, San Marcos, Octolepeque, Honduras; College Mennonite Church, Goshen.
- Anna Kucheryavenko (Sr., Russia), First Mennonite Church, Indianapolis, Ind.; Michel Apostle Russian Orthodox Church.
- Adam Carter (Jr., West Liberty, Ohio), Assembly Mennonite Church, Goshen; South Union Mennonite Church, West Liberty, Ohio.
- Becky Wieand (Sr., Goshen), Glenwood Springs (Colo.) Mennonite Church; Waterford Mennonite Church, Goshen (top right mug).
- Jonathan Horst (So., Mount Joy, Pa.), Mount Joy (Pa.) Mennonite Church; Marietta Community Chapel, Lancaster, Pa. (bottom right mug).

— Anne Berry

Students named as scholarship winners

Showalter Reynolds: Jennifer Noe

Jennifer Noe (Jr., Eureka, Ill.) has been awarded the Alicia Showalter Reynolds Scholarship for Women in Science to support her studies in 1999-2000.

Noe received the $2,750 award upon the recommendation of faculty members in the GC science and mathematics departments. The scholarship is renewable for her senior year.

Noe said, "I am very honored to have received this scholarship. I would like to pursue a career in the medical field, but I have not chosen a specific area of medicine."

Continuing as a Showalter Reynolds scholar next year will be Deborah L. Lewis, a senior from the Republic of Yemen who is majoring in molecular biology and French.

Showalter Reynolds '92 was a fourth-year doctoral student at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md., when she was abducted March 2, 1996. No suspect has been apprehended or charged in the case, which was ruled a homicide. Johns Hopkins awarded her a doctoral degree posthumously during commencement ceremonies May 27.

United Commercial Travelers: Melody Taylor

Melody Taylor (Jr., Goshen), who began her undergraduate degree program at age 38, will receive a scholarship from United Commercial Travelers for her commitment to working with people with disabilities.

According to Charles Short, UTC secretary/treasurer, Taylor was selected because of her extensive experience in working with people with disabilities and her commitment to furthering her service in this area.

Taylor transferred to GC from Purdue University. She chose to pursue a bachelor's degree – and is interested in earning a master's degree – to continue developing skills in working with people with disabilities, her professional field of 21 years.

"I feel so lucky to work in an area which allows me to do something I love, that is to become a friend to the disabled person and to help them to have the most fulfilling life possible," Taylor wrote in a paper for GC's Communicating Across Cultures class. "And in trying to make their world complete and a part of the whole, they help make me whole in the process. Without them, I would have missed so much."

Raymond A. Yoder: Chris Kennel

For Chris Kennel (Sr., Harrisonburg, Va.), working on triple majors in biology, chemistry and art and a peace studies minor has been a worthwhile pursuit. Kennel is the 1999 Raymond A. Yoder art scholarship recipient, selected by department faculty.

Kennel has worked on two independent book projects that combine photography and storytelling in order to communicate human experiences. The first book addresses human rights in civil war situations in Burma, where he completed a voluntary service assignment, using conceptual photographs to convey the perspectives of victims. The second, an interview-based research project that was part of his work for GC's Violence and Nonviolence class, documents various responses of people within the campus community to sexual orientation issues.

The scholarship, worth $1,000, was created to assist and encourage outstanding student artists at GC. Yoder's belief that all children have inherent artistic talent led him to establish this scholarship. After graduating from GC in 1932, he taught art and painted primarily in watercolors for nearly 65 years.

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Student wins international scholarship

Ezra Nugroho (Jr., Semarang, Indonesia) has been awarded a scholarship by the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Student Assistance Awards Program sponsored by the National Association of Financial Services, Auditors Association of International Educators.

The ASEAN Student Assistance Awards Program was designed to support students affected by the economic crises in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines who have maintained high academic standards and are enrolled in accredited four-year colleges and universities.

Student honored at Partnerships Conference awards banquet

GC's nomination for the Richard J. Wood Award in connection with Indiana Campus Compact (ICC), Tom Chavez (Sr., California City, Calif.), was honored at the "Partnerships Conference: Building Communities Through Service" awards banquet in Indianapolis.

Campus Minister Sylvia Shirk Charles said Chavez was chosen by GC's Student Development Division for his outstanding record of service to his community. "He has developed a strong service ethic in his own life, has shown leadership ability in influencing others to make service an important part of their lives and has indicated a commitment to building community relationships with long-term impact," she said.

Students complete 26.2 miles on foot

Meeting lifetime goals, staying in shape and spending time with friends were among the reasons seven GC students gave for completing marathons in May.

On May 9, Hannah Foss (Sr., Tiskilwa, Ill.), Rachel S. Glick (Sr., Harrisonburg, Va.) and Anton Maksimov '99 (Ukraine), ran in Cincinnati's "Flying Pig" marathon. On May 23, after completing a May term course in London, Griffen Bishop (Sr., Englewood, Colo.) and Liz Lewis (Sr., Yemen) ran in the Prague, Czech Republic, international marathon. On May 29, Amos Kratzer '99, (Kidron, Ohio) and Amy Chupp (Jr., Wayland, Iowa) ran in the Bayshore marathon in Traverse City, Mich.

The races proved to be formidable endurance tests – with a few surprises thrown in. "The last four miles were harder than the first 22 put together," Foss said. Each struggled with pain and fatigue at varying levels; Lewis became severely dehydrated and was taken to the hospital after crossing the finish line.

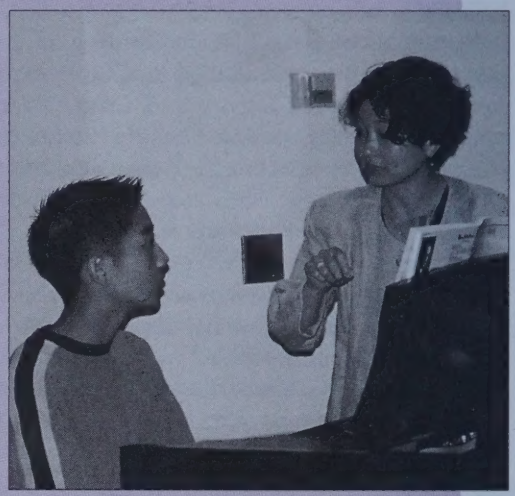
Although several of the runners hope to complete another long-distance race, Kratzer doesn't plan to take to the road in the near future. "Only if I forget the promise I made to myself the last six miles will I run one again," he said.

In addition to the 26.2 milers, three students ran a 50-miler earlier in the school year. In November, Nate Pletcher (Sr., Middlebury, Ind.), Rob Christner (Sr., Hesston, Kan.) and Andrew Burkhalter (Jr., Goshen) competed in the 36th annual JFK ultramarathon beginning in Boonsboro, Md.

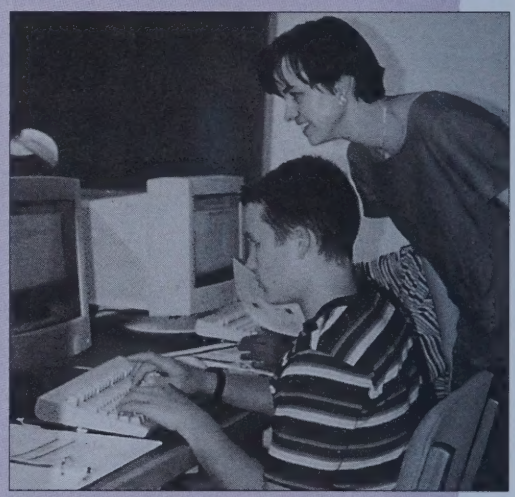
— Jodi Hochstedler

Summer programs keep campus busy

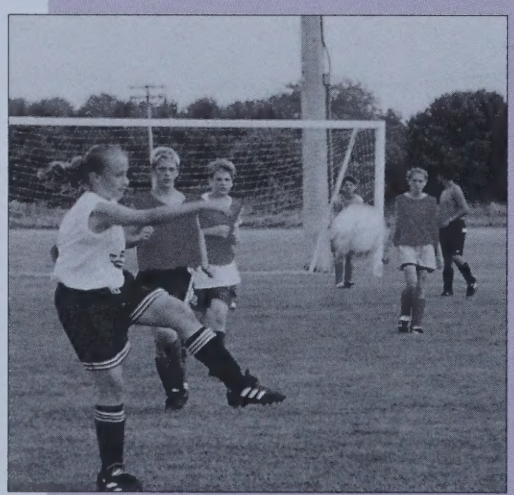
Though classes weren't in session, GC's practice rooms, computer labs and athletic fields were plenty busy this summer as the college hosted piano students and teachers, computer campers and youth soccer players during the active summer programs in June and July.



The 1999 GC Piano Workshop drew 85-90 piano teachers and 40 students from around the country for a week of performances and presentations by Robert Duke, Catherine Rollin, Christopher Falzone, Gerhardt and Barbara Suhrstedt, Lori Sims and Noriko Schneiderman (pictured, right).



Junior high school Computer Camp participants spent five days in and out of the classroom learning about Web page development and digital photography, taking field trips and meeting with GC faculty and students.



The hot July sun didn't deter more than 125 youth from participating in the popular week-long Soccer Camp. The long-running annual program is geared toward students elementary through middle school.

Groundbreaking on new track and field complex begins

When Orie Eigsti '31 (fifth from left) graduated from GC, he held five school track and field records, one of which stood for 40 years. More than 65 years later, Orie J. Eigsti and Agnes Weaver Eigsti '32 have raised the bar to again inspire current and future GC student athletes.

During groundbreaking, the Eigstis turned over the first clumps of earth where a new outdoor track and field complex will be located on the east side of the Gingerich Recreation-Fitness Center. Construction of the facility was expected to be completed by September.

The facility will be named the "Eigsti Track and Field Complex" in recognition of the Eigstis, who contributed the lead gift for the project, and in honor of all members of the extended Eigsti family, many of whom have attended GC.

Track and field athletes made the Eigstis part of the team by giving them "Maple Leaf Track & Field" T-shirts. Agnes Eigsti (second from left) also displayed a pendant recognizing Orie's GC records.

The 400-meter track has eight 42-inch lanes. Also included are pads for throwing events, runways and aprons for horizontal and vertical jumps and a steeplechase water jump.

Three coaches join athletic staff

Upon the retirement of Sue Roth and John Ingold and the transition of Rick Clark from cross country to a concentrated focus on track and field, three new coaches have joined the GC athletic department.

Phil Hostetler (left) steps in as the men's and women's cross country coach and assistant track and field coach. Hostetler comes to GC with a 222-37 record in cross country duals from Westview High School (Topeka, Ind.), taking his team to the state finals eight times. At Westview, Hostetler helped athletes achieve 24 All-State performances and two high school All-American recognitions.

Stan King '61 (center) returns as the men's tennis coach. King guided the Goshen High School girls tennis squad to a sectional championship and a 15-2 record in 1999. His squad also won a share of the conference title.

Rob Miller '98 (right) assumes co-head track and field coaching responsibilities after three seasons as an assistant. Miller, who will focus on jumps and sprints, succeeds Roth, who retired this past spring after 23 seasons.

— Chris Chamberlin

Five compete in NAIA outdoor track and field championships

For the first time in school history, five members of the track and field team competed at the NAIA Outdoor National Championships, the largest group to ever represent GC at the national level.

Leading the way for GC were throwers Clint Borntrager (Sr., Goshen) and Ryan Friesen (Jr., Goshen). Borntrager placed 11th in the hammer throw at 158 feet, 11 inches. He was ranked 10th in national statistics heading into the meet. Friesen finished 23rd in the javelin at 166-9 after entering with the 14th best throw (190-9).

Jim Whittaker (So., Elkhart, Ind.) placed 25th in the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 15.84, while Katie App (Jr., Bristol, Ind.) finished 30th with a leap of 16-2 in the long jump. Steffen Schrock (Sr., Middlebury, Ind.) competed, but did not place. Schrock qualified in the hammer throw with a toss of 150-3, the 24th best throw in the nation.

— Chris Chamberlin

Maple Leaf Briefs

Athletes win post-season awards

Four Maple Leafs were tabbed NAIA All-America Scholar-Athletes following the spring season, bringing the student-athlete total to 16 for the 1998-99 academic year, the largest group in school history.

In addition, four athletes were named to All-Mid-Central College Conference teams.

Women's tennis Scholar-Athletes were Tara Swartzendruber (Sr., Middlebury, Ind.), Griffen Bishop (Sr., Englewood, Colo.) and Andrea Springer (Sr., Middlebury, Ind.). Golfer Michael Yoder (Sr., Uniontown, Ohio) was also named.

Bishop was an All-MCC performer in the fall, posting an 8-3 record at No. 2 singles. Swartzendruber was 9-2 at No. 4 singles, while Springer went 10-2 at No. 6. Yoder averaged 83.4 strokes on the season, carding a low round of 77.

Natalee Lewis (softball), Kurtis Baumgartner and Camila Pflederer (track and field) and Jim Neff (golf) each earned all-MCC awards.

Lewis (Jr., Martinsville, Ind.) was named after a school-record .409 batting average and a team-leading 22 RBIs.

Pflederer (Jr., St. Louis, Mo.) and Baumgartner (Jr., Millersburg, Ind.) sprinted their way to wins in the MCC Championships. Pflederer was a double winner, taking the 200 in 25.83 seconds and the 400 in a school-record 58.13. She was ranked ninth in NAIA statistics in the 400 and 35th in the 200. Baumgartner won the 400 in 49.06, the 34th nation's best time.

Neff carded a 78.42 stroke average in league play, good for eighth best in the MCC. He also fired the lowest score of any player during the conference season with a one-under-par 71 at Huntington.

— Chris Chamberlin

1999-2000 Performing Arts Series

With medieval chant to refresh the soul, South African music and dance to energize the senses and Cajun music to set feet to tapping, GC's 1999-2000 Performing Arts Series includes:

Sept. 10, 1999 – Tom Chapin and John McCutcheon, 7 & 9 p.m., Umble Center. These beloved performers and their versatile sidemen serve up folk music old and new.

Oct. 2, 1999 – "Introduction and Allegro: Celebration of Music at Goshen College," 8 p.m., Union Auditorium. This free concert ushers in the next "movement" in the history of music at GC, with performances by the GC Orchestra, Chamber Choir and Chorale.

Nov. 4, 1999 – Anonymous 4, 8 p.m., Church-Chapel. Formed in 1986, Anonymous 4 offers medieval chant and polyphony sung by high voices and was recently featured on National Public Radio.

Jan. 14 & 15, 2000 – Rhythm and Brass, both nights at 7:30 p.m., Umble Center. Six virtuosi on trumpets, horn, piano, trombone, tuba and percussion perform music from the baroque era to chamber jazz and beyond.

Feb. 12, 2000 – Thula Sizwa, 7 & 9 p.m., Umble Center. This "South African Cultural Ambassadors" music and dance group is committed to conveying their heritage through an extraordinary medley of traditional Zulu dancing and song.

March 4, 2000 – South Bend (Ind.) Symphony and GC Choirs, 7:30 p.m., Union. The South Bend Symphony Orchestra will join with GC's choirs to perform Mozart's "Requiem in D."

March 23 & 26, 2000 – *Fiddler on the Roof*, 7:30 p.m. March 23 and 3 p.m. March 26, Umble Center. Presented by the theater and music departments, *Fiddler on the Roof*, last performed at GC in 1973, features Professor of Music Doyle Preheim returning in the role of Tevye.

April 15, 2000 – BeauSoleil with Michael Doucet, 7 and 9 p.m., Umble Center. This Grammy-winning group combines Cajun French lyrics, hot fiddle licks and irresistable accordian with Caribbean rhythm and New Orleans jazz.

For series or ticket information about any concert in GC's Performing Arts Series call (219) 535-7566.

GC opens 'Welcome Center' to serve public

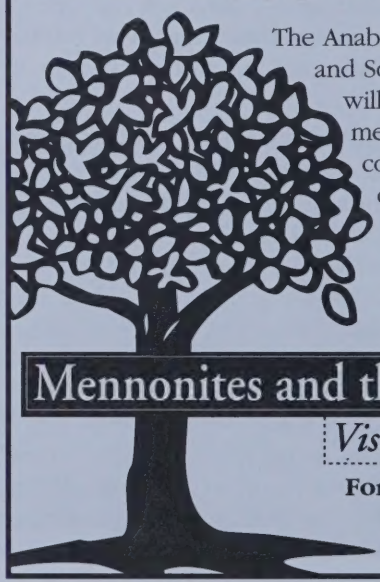
In a day and age when technology often replaces the human touch, GC has a new Welcome Center where both campus members and visitors are assisted by friendly faces. In the south end of the Union, the Welcome Center serves as a one-stop information and visitor's center, ticket office, registration area and more. Director Jo Ann Preheim staffs the office with the assistance of students. Tickets and registration for public events are available by stopping in or by calling (219) 535-7566.

Mennonites and the Family: Vision and Reality, Oct. 14-16, 1999

Families are facing greater challenges than ever before, and many related issues intersect in the church: marriage, child raising, gender identity, work, aging, family values and intimacy, all of which are central to our identity as individuals and congregations.

GC, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary and the Mennonite Historical Society, with support from Lilly Endowment Inc., are sponsoring an interdisciplinary conference, "Mennonites and the Family," at GC to address topics pertinent to individual families and congregations and the broader Mennonite Church. Scholars, pastors and lay leaders, students, historians, storytellers and other interested people are invited to engage in a wide-ranging conversation about the past, present and future of Mennonite-Anabaptist families.

Presentations and seminars will lead to a clearer understanding of contemporary realities and offer constructive models of family life rooted in Scripture, Christian faith and Anabaptist-Mennonite theology. Conversations generated at this conference will contribute to essential discussions about the family within individual congregations and the broader church.



The Anabaptist Anthropologists and Sociologists Association will hold its annual meeting on campus in conjunction with the conference.

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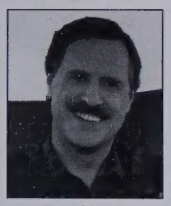
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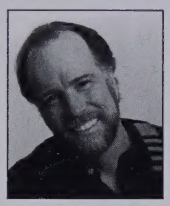
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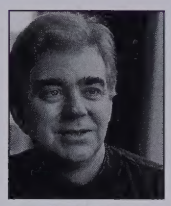
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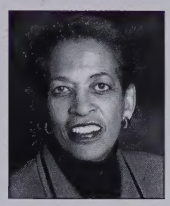
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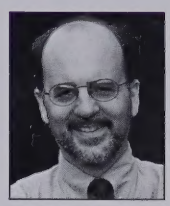
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September

Sept. 5-28 **Art exhibit: "Ted Springer: Sculpture & Drawing; Tim Dyck: Prints & Games."** Reception Sept. 5, 2-4 p.m., Art Gallery

Sept. 7 **Afternoon Sabbatical: "Europe's Heartland: Sites and Sounds of Bohemia and Moravia," David Mosley,** associate professor of music and humanities, 1 p.m., Umble Center.

Sept. 10 **Concert, Performing Arts Series: Tom Chapin and John McCutcheon,** 7 and 9 p.m., Umble Center (see also page 32). $20, $13.

Sept. 14 **Yoder Public Affairs Lecture Series: "Call to Renewal: A New Movement for Economic Justice," Jim Wallis,** editor in chief of *Sojourners*. 8 p.m., Umble Center.

Sept. 28 ***Merchant of Venice*, Shenandoah Shakespeare Express,** 7:30 p.m., Umble Center. $7, $5.

October

Oct. 1-3 **Alumni Weekend.** See page 17 for details.

Oct. 1-27 **Art Exhibit: Associate Professor of Art John Blosser: "Milestones and Intersections."** Reception Oct. 1, 6-9 p.m., Art Gallery.

Oct. 2 **Concert, Performing Arts Series: "Introduction and Allegro: Celebration of Music at GC,"** with performances by alumni, faculty and students, 8 p.m., Union.

Oct. 5 **Afternoon Sabbatical: "Families at the Crossroads? Faith, Politics and Family Values in the New Millennium," John D. Roth,** professor of history and director of Mennonite Historical Library, 1 p.m., Umble Center.

Oct. 8 **Yoder Public Affairs Lecture Series: "A Mandate for the New Millennium: To Think Globally and Act Locally," Johnnetta Cole,** Presidential Distinguished Professor at Emory University, 8 p.m., Umble Center.

Oct. 14-16 **Conference: "Mennonites and the Family: Vision and Reality."** See page 32 for details.

Oct. 15-17 **Afternoon Sabbatical:** Theater bus trip to Stratford, Ontario. $390.

Oct. 16-17 **Conference: Anabaptist Anthropologists and Sociologists Association.**

Oct. 17 **Faculty recital: Deb Brubaker,** associate professor of music, 3 p.m., Umble Center.

Oct. 21 **Staley Lecture: Cheryl Kirk Duggan,** 8 p.m., Newcomer Center 19.

Oct. 22-24 **Conference: Intercollegiate Women's Conference**

Oct. 23 **Concert: Patty Larkin** (part of Intercollegiate Women's Conference), 8 p.m., Union. $12, $10.

November

Nov. 2 **Afternoon Sabbatical: "Inward to the Center – Outward into the World," Ruth Krall,** director of peace, justice and conflict studies, 1 p.m., Church-Chapel Fellowship Hall.

Nov. 2-Dec. 1 **Art exhibit: "Kenneth Hiebert: Graphic Design,"** Eric Yake Kenagy Visiting Artist. Receptions Nov. 2, 8 p.m. and Nov. 3, 10:30 a.m., Art Gallery.

Nov. 4 **Concert, Performing Arts Series: Anonymous 4,** 8 p.m., Church-Chapel. $18, $12.

Nov. 5-7, 12-14 **Fall play: *The Prophets,*** 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Umble Center. $7, $4.

Nov. 5-7 **Parent Weekend, Little Sibs Weekend**

Nov. 9 **Yoder Public Affairs Lecture Series: "From Asia to Silicon Valley: A Journalist's View of 'Miracles,'" Steve Kreider Yoder,** chief of the San Francisco Bureau of *The Wall Street Journal*, 8 p.m., Church-Chapel.

Nov. 11-12 **Campus Open House**

December

Dec. 4 **Afternoon Sabbatical:** Theater bus trip to Chicago to see *Aida*. $95.

Dec. 5-15 **Art exhibit: "Senior Exhibitions."** Reception Dec. 5, 2-4 p.m., Art Gallery.

Dec. 7 **Afternoon Sabbatical: "Music of the Season,"** by GC music department, 1 p.m., Umble Center.

Dec. 11-12 **Worship: "O Wondrous Mystery,"** 7:30 p.m., Church-Chapel.

Programs are free unless cost is stated. Call the Welcome Center, (219) 535-7566 for events that require a ticket.

The Uncommon Cause

By President Shirley H. Showalter

If Goshen College consisted only of buildings, land, endowment, curriculum and people, I would not be here. In the words of Augustine, "Our souls are restless until they rest in Thee," (*Book Two, Confessions*); a restless spirit seeks a cause that begins and ends with God – and that is what I have found at Goshen College.

This year, the campus will dedicate itself to re-examining this cause, holding an all-inclusive conversation on what it means to be an institution of the Anabaptist-Mennonite tradition. I envision it as a combination of President Emeritus Paul Mininger's "Future of the College" committee, and the "Uncommon Cause" campaigns of Presidents Emeritus Burkholder and Stoltzfus. In fact, we will continue to call this conversation "The Uncommon Cause" as the college's Strategic Planning Committee leads us all in discerning more clearly the future mission and direction of Goshen College.

This issue of the *Bulletin* focuses on student activism and perspectives on issues and causes that matter to them, which is part of the genius of Goshen College. Like all students, ours love to theorize and criticize, discussing the limitations of practices and generations past, and imagining improvements. But unlike many, they also have a practical bent and want to put their ideals into service. One example is Clayton Kratz, Goshen College's first martyr, died at the age of 24 in 1920 while trying to get relief supplies into Russia.

Today, GC students still expect their education to have meaning and purpose, even to the point of suffering. They understand that, in order to "know thyself," one has to be willing to sacrifice ego. They see recent graduates choosing service assignments or jobs that require selfless giving. They see around them professors who did not just engage in passing moments of social activism in their youth, but have lived lives of continuing service to others. They see "Seniors for Peace" and know that activism can produce joy in later stages of life.

In reading these essays, I am reminded of two events in my own college years. I am only now beginning to discover how profoundly I was shaped by these events, both of which took place in 1969-1970, the same year as Woodstock, the first moon landing and the Kent State killings.

One of these experiences was the largest demonstration against the war in May 1970 on the mall in Washington, D.C. I remember passionate conversations on the campus of Eastern Mennonite College as the sons and daughters of Menno Simons debated the tactics and theories of Saul Alinsky and the Students for a Democratic Society. Could Mennonite students participate in a demonstration against war if it became violent? We agreed the answer was "no," but scores of us also felt we had to go. We drove to the capitol on Route 66, exchanging peace signs along the way while inwardly preparing ourselves for the possibility that we might have to make sacrifices so as not to inflict violence on others.

Nearly 200 years earlier, Wordsworth traveled to Paris to take part in the French Revolution. His words describe how many of us felt in 1970: "Bliss was it in that dawn to be alive, But to be young was very Heaven!"

The other event involved a decision on the part of two bearded, long-haired student leaders that they would start a revolution on our own campus. They would do what the administration had been unable to do: raise enough money to build a new library, beating the deadline required by a matching grant. So we all rolled up our sleeves, dedicated to "saving the library." When the last dollar was raised, the bell was tolled and the whole community rose as one to applaud.

"Bliss was it then."

And bliss it is now. No longer young, I work for and with the young every day. The cause has never ceased. I still want to build rather than to destroy, create rather than vegetate, and to be dissolved into God's great work by being united with God's people.

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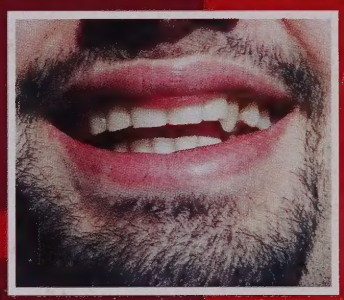

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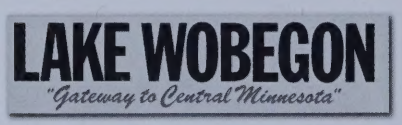
Revelations in Lake Wobegon

In 1984, the S.A. Yoder Memorial Lecture brought Garrison Keillor from Lake Wobegon, Minn., to Goshen, Ind. Here, he discovered a gift that many campus guests enjoy: congregational singing. Our hymn singing endeared us to him, it seemed, as "A Prairie Home Companion" has endeared so many.

For the uninitiated, "A Prairie Home Companion" is author and humorist Keillor's two-hour radio variety show. In one form or another, he has been imagining and writing about his mythical hometown, Lake Wobegon, for more than 25 years. His monologues during the show are an audience favorite – a time for storytelling, for hearing the next chapter in the lives of people and places we feel we know. Growing up, I remember laying on the couch on a Saturday night, listening to the show with my family, and passing around tapes of the show for car trips; I know now that some tapes of "APHC" traveled with mission workers from Africa to Central America to Eastern Europe.

In 1995, I made a pilgrimage to Lake Wobegon, "the little town that time forgot and decades cannot improve." As an intern – and the first intern from as far away as Indiana at that – I transcribed tapes, answered mail, organized news clippings, arranged for book signing, collected volumes of poetry for Keillor's "The Writer's Almanac" and did research of all kinds. In addition, I was given the enjoyable task of looking for the Whippets, the town's ill-fated baseball team.



I wasn't searching the town, mind you, but sifting through years and years of Keillor's monologues about Lake Wobegon, for mention of those boys of summer. In reverently searching old computer print-outs and hand-scrawled pages, I realized two things: interns are frequently asked to organize the impossible, and that the papers I found were merely notes – a guide or springboard for Keillor's poignant re-creation of his "hometown, out there on the prairie."

These notes waited not just for fleshing out, but for revelation found in the spell of a singular storyteller who creates a world like no other. Lake Wobegon is a place to leave and a place to come home to, a familiar community with familiar people who seem not to change but who, we find out, have stories of their own and internal lives beyond our imagination. There are people who share values or families, histories or churches – in short, people like us.

Keillor provides, then, the perfect setting for revealing truth in humor, for examining the bittersweet details of life. Unlike many comedians who seem to need a human target to make a joke, Keillor seems less interested in making us cackle meanly – his recent interest in the governor of Minnesota and certain jokes from the annual Joke Shows excluded – but in making us laugh *knowingly*.

This place, too, is a place to be considered "home," and a place where we can find comfort in a collective sense of humor and delight one another with our wit – insightful or otherwise – because we are joking out of the same context. Thus, an examination of humor: its necessity, its ability to heal and to reveal. Enjoy these reflections on humor, and a few chuckles besides.

With this issue comes a transition in editors of the *Bulletin*. As director of public relations, I will assume leadership of GC's quarterly magazine. I look forward to reviewing the suveys many of you received and returned and welcome all letters, calls or e-mail about the *Bulletin*.

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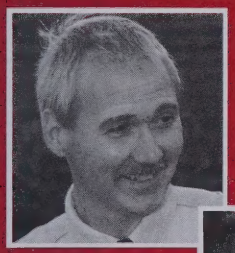

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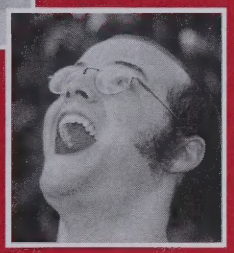

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The many graces of humor

Keith Graber Miller

A woman who "enjoyed her religion" visited a quite staid and formal church, one which stood squarely in the high-church tradition of meticulously planned liturgy. "Amen!" said the woman as the minister brought out a point with which she agreed. "Madam," said the usher standing nearby, "please try to control yourself. We don't allow that in this church." In a few moments she was so carried away by the sermon that she shouted, "Amen, Praise the Lord, Hallelujah!" The usher rushed to her side. "Madam," he said, "you must quiet down immediately or leave." "I didn't mean to disturb the service," she explained, "but I am just so happy since I found the Lord." "Well, you may have found the Lord," snapped the usher, "but I am quite sure you didn't find him here."

Keith Graber Miller and Tim Godshall

If reading this joke brought a smile to your face, a titter to your lips or a chuckle to your throat, you've said something about your faith and, quite possibly, improved your health.

I'm all for taking God, and our faith, and our vocations seriously, but I think in questing after significant, meaningful lives and doing important work we've sometimes been too serious, too somber, too bereft of energizing, health-inducing, life-giving mirth. At its best, humor allows us to cope, to humbly recognize our own fallibility and to move toward healing. Humor provides a variety of graces for our lives.

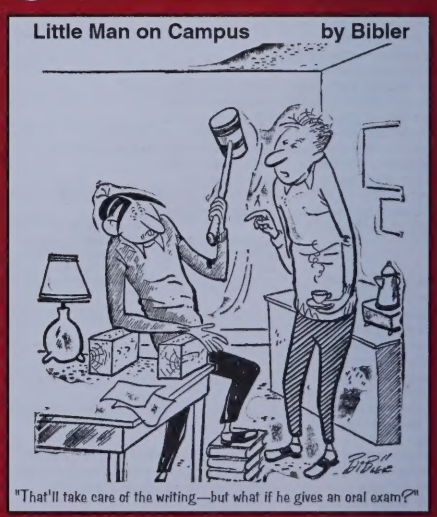
Erma Bombeck, in her book *At Wit's End,* tells the story of a Sunday morning worship service which she attended. Her attention was captured by a young child who was turning around and smiling at everyone. "He wasn't gurgling, spitting, humming, kicking, tearing the hymnals or rummaging through his mother's handbag. He was just smiling," Bombeck writes. Finally, the mother grabbed the child, jerked him around, slapped him down into the pew, and whispered loudly, "Stop that grinning. You're in church." And as the tears rolled down his cheeks, the mother added, "That's better." And she returned to her prayers.

Cartooning in the *Record* over the years

by Tim Godshall

1951 While the GC *Record* has been in print since 1898 in some form or another, the development of cartooning dates back only to the 1940s. Previously a novelty, during this decade the *Record* began to feature a number of graphic icons for weekly columns, such as the "Culture Vulture," a caricatured carrion-eater poised above a column of text. Perhaps surprising at a peace-church school, the weekly column of science trivia was identified by a mushroom cloud exploding behind the text: "Up n' atom."

Though still disputed, scholars generally agree that the first bona fide cartoon to appear in the *Record* was "Little Man on Campus," which became somewhat regular in 1950. The syndicated "Little Man" - not student-drawn - was true to its title and era: it generally featured male students, each week finding new ways to bemoan the rigors of cartoonist Bibler's generic 1950s academic setting.

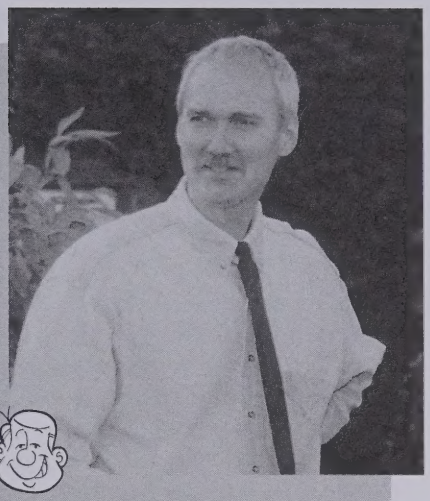


"Suddenly I was angry," writes Bombeck. "I wanted to grab this child with the tear-stained face close to me and tell him about my God. The happy God. The smiling God. The God who had to have a sense of humor to have created the likes of us. I wanted to tell him God is an understanding God. One who understands little children who pick their noses in church because they are bored ... God even understands my shallow prayers that implore, 'If you can't make me thin, then make my friends look fat' ... What a fool, I thought. Here was a woman sitting next to the only thing left in our civilization – the only hope, our only miracle, our only promise of infinity. If he couldn't smile in church, where was there left to go?"

Historically, the church in North America, instead of spawning humor, has spurned it. Our early ancestors needed to work hard to survive, and there was little time for fun and frolic. Because of certain religious values, we were expected to shun laughter and gaiety as frivolous worldliness. At times the Protestant work ethic overtook people in the new land, convincing them that they should work as a way of glorifying God. Diligence, thrift and sobriety were cardinal virtues.

Some Mennonites, obviously, were drawn into this sobriety with everyone else, and they perpetuated it. In 1876 the Mennonite Publishing House published J.M. Brenneman's *Plain Teachings*. Among Brenneman's otherwise reasonable exhortations was a chapter titled "Christians Ought Not Laugh Aloud," in which the author wrote: "Could we see the pain, the sorrow, the tribulation and misery with which thousands are daily afflicted, or could we see how many unconverted souls are daily and hourly passing into eternity, it would doubtless make us feel sad, and our vain laughing would be turned to mourning." (And he seems to think this would be good.) "I think it is unbecoming and unsuitable for professors of Christianity to laugh aloud, or to say or tell anything to cause others to laugh," he writes. "Such conduct, it seems to me, is a very dim light before the world." Egads!

Fortunately, some more recent Mennonite writers have taken a different approach. In 1993, Steve Nolt, now assistant professor of history at GC, co-wrote *The Mennonite Starter Kit: A Handy Guide for the New Mennonite* with J. Craig Haas. The book, complete with top 10 lists and baseball-style trading cards of prominent church figures, was well-received in the church and beyond.



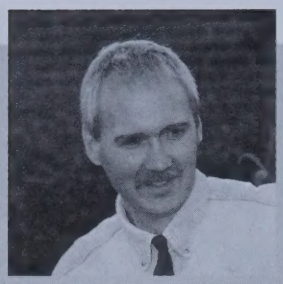
The Virgin Mary died and went to heaven. When she got there, Saint Peter didn't let her in right away, although others waiting in line were pondering why on earth he didn't just let her pass through. After all, she was the mother of Jesus! But Saint Peter said, "There is one thing I need to process with you, something that has puzzled me for years. Throughout history – in paintings, icons, sculpture and every other form of art, you are always depicted as looking so sad. Why is that?"

Mary replied, "It's a secret I've been keeping all these years, but I see no need to keep it any longer. I really wanted a girl."

1963 The 1960s, the decade that ushered in the Civil Rights era and Woodstock, also brought us "The Gadfly." Though not a hand-drawn illustration, "The Gadfly" qualifies as the first series of student-created *Record* cartoons.

A regular feature in the spring 1963 *Record*, each week "The Gadfly" featured a different professor, spouting a caption bubble in which a made up quote was scribbled. To the modern MTV audience, these bubbles seem to range from prosaic to puzzling. (When asked, retired Professor of English John Fisher couldn't remember why he was pictured saying "toot, toot" in the March 29 issue.)

Though nowadays it is possible to convincingly morph professors' heads onto various bodies, in its time – both technologically and socially – "The Gadfly" pushed all the limits except one: Professor of Biology Jonathan Roth was referred to then, as now, as "Dr. Roth."



A man, good all his life, never had any of his prayers answered. So God granted him three wishes. For the first wish, the man said, "I want to go hunting. Please provide me with a bow and arrow, hunting clothes and a forest to hunt in." The wish was granted.

For his second wish, the man said, "I wish for a bear to hunt." With that, a large black bear instantly appeared.

The man got up in a tree and pulled back the bow, but as he did, it slipped and dropped to the ground where it clattered at the feet of the bear. Remembering that he had one wish left, the man said, "I wish the bear were a Christian," thinking that the bear wouldn't charge and kill him if it were a Christian.

With that, the bear got down on its knees, saying, "Thank you, Lord, for this bountiful meal I am about to consume."

In reality, the gospel (the good news) and humor are integrally related, in the same genre, born of the same mold. Humor is a child of faith, and helps us understand our faith and our lives. As J. Lawrence Burkholder once wrote, "Both faith and humor are ways of coping with the ambiguities, incongruities, and contradictions of existence."

In the Hebrew Scriptures, we find a tremendous amount of weeping and wailing, but there's also a lot of laughter and rejoicing going on. One concordance lists 57 references to laughter in the Old Testament, and a whole slew of references to joy, gladness, rejoicing and happiness.

The first biblical reference to laughter comes in Genesis 17:17 when God informs the aged Abraham that his barren and purportedly post-menopausal wife Sarah is going to have a son. Recognizing a divine sense of humor, Abraham bowed low to the ground ... and laughed. And then God told Abraham and Sarah to name the child Isaac, which in Hebrew means "God's laugh." God had broken through with this paradox, this impossibility of a 90-year-old woman giving birth, and described that divine act as a "laugh." And after she gave birth to Isaac, it was Sarah's turn to laugh, this time with God's blessing. "God has given me cause to laugh; all those who hear of it will laugh with me," she reportedly said. And no doubt a lot of people did laugh with her.

Quaker professor Elton Trueblood identified in his book *The Humor of Christ* about 30 instances of Jesus' humor in the gospels, including such knee-slappers as the one about straining out gnats but swallowing camels . . . Well, OK, maybe Jesus' stand-up comedy loses something in translation. But it is striking that Jesus' parables often were effective for precisely the same reason a good joke works: they concluded with the unexpected, the ironic twist, some form of upside-down logic.

Trueblood wrote: "An alleged Christianity which fails to express itself in laughter, at some point, is clearly invalid. The Christian is joyous, not because he or she is blind to injustice and suffering, but because he or she is convinced that these, in the light of divine sovereignty, are never ultimate (they are never the final word) ... The well-known humor of the Christian is not a way of denying the tears, but rather a way of affirming something deeper than tears."

As the late Sara K. Hartzler, longtime GC professor of English, once said: "A good joke can be not

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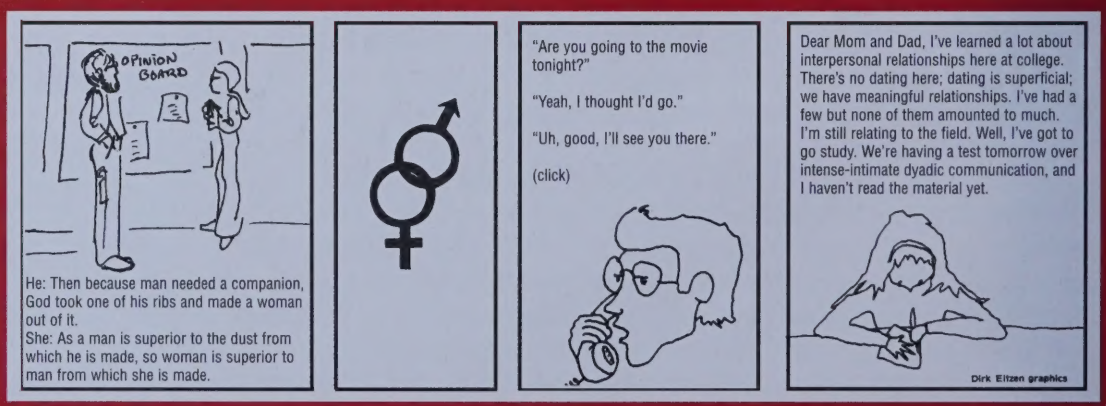
On March 4 the *Record* printed an eight-page insert titled "From Adam's Rib?" featuring a variety of articles relating to gender issues and the roles of women at GC.


OPINION BOARD
He: Then because man needed a companion, God took one of his ribs and made a woman out of it.
She: As a man is superior to the dust from which he is made, so woman is superior to man from which she is made.
"Are you going to the movie tonight?"
"Yeah, I thought I'd go."
"Uh, good, I'll see you there."
(click)
Dear Mom and Dad, I've learned a lot about interpersonal relationships here at college. There's no dating here; dating is superficial; we have meaningful relationships. I've had a few but none of them amounted to much. I'm still relating to the field. Well, I've got to go study. We're having a test tomorrow over intense-intimate dyadic communication, and I haven't read the material yet.
Dirk Eitzen graphics

Then and now, the opinion board has frequently served as the forum for such debates, as illustrated here by Dirk Eitzen's '80 cartoon.

only an act of courage; but, because it affirms our God-given ability to survive, to triumph over everything that is weak or bad or wrong in ourselves and in our world, a good joke also can be an act of faith.

"Humor," said Hartzler, "brings unmanageable problems, those irreconcilable situations that human beings get into, down to bearable proportions."

It is striking to realize how many of our jokes deal with death and dying, with what lies on the other side of death, God's great mystery. Humor is one way we cope with or wrestle with such mysteries. In my Christian Faith class each spring students are required to turn in one theological joke during the term, and many of these submissions begin with tales of Peter at the pearly gates, or with lawyers or popes or righteous folks in heaven or hell.

Humor also serves to humble us, to knock us off our pedestals of self-importance or absolute certainty. Just when we think we know everything we're reminded that our perspective may be limited, or incomplete. Those of us who teach and preach are particularly guilty of being too serious and of seeing our work as perhaps God's most important work, and that means we also are often the butt of jokes – and rightly so. We need some of this humbling.

And if this isn't enough of an affirmation for humor, we also should be aware that humor is good for our physical health. "Laughter is about the best medicine known," one physician said. "A hearty laugh will stimulate your chest, thorax, and abdominal muscles, as well as your diaphragm, heart, lungs and liver. Your pulse can double during laughter, and your blood pressure may shoot up from 120 to 200. An increased supply of oxygen courses through your bloodstream. Once your giggles go away, the pulse and blood rate dip below normal. Skeletal muscles become deeply relaxed. Other muscles relax as well, which often relieves headaches. All of these processes reduce stress and hypertension."

Laughter's chemical effects upon the body have led some scientists to believe it can serve as a natural tranquilizer. Laughter stimulates the brain to produce catecholamine, a hormone which then causes the release of endorphins, the body's natural opiates. These endorphins then function as internal painkillers by decreasing the laughter's perception of discomfort. Laughing is particularly effective for inflammatory conditions such as arthritis and gout, or for chronic allergies, research suggests.

Goshen College physician Willard Krabill would confirm that laughter is healing and contributes to wholeness. "If we aren't able to laugh," he wrote in the *Bulletin's* first humor issue, "a segment of our wholeness is missing. Someone once wrote, 'Humor and honesty are among the most important signs that God's grace is among us.' I believe it's true."

But doctors of the last several decades are not the first people to recognize the healing power of laughter. Three thousand years ago a wise soul was able to say in Proverbs 17:22, "A cheerful heart is a good medicine, but a downcast spirit dries up the bones."

May we seek such cheerful hearts as we continue our quests toward good faith and good health. And may we recognize God's grace in such humor.

A pastor was using I Corinthians 12:17, where Paul uses the various functions of the members of the body to illustrate the church, the body of Christ. After running through the biblical contrasts, she inadvertently made a humorous contrast of her own: "What if we were all feet? How would we smell?"

1978 The tension between separatism and the interest of youth in participating in activities of the broader world has been a hallmark of Mennonitism, a perfect illustration of which appeared in the March 3 *Record*. Though the page facing this cartoon contained a short article announcing that students had voted for, and President J. Lawrence Burkholder had approved, flying the United Nations and United States flags on campus, it wasn't until 1987 when the GC Board of Overseers agreed to allow dancing on campus. During that nine-year span, dancing would find its way into the *Record* cartoon on several occasions, most notably an '87 cartoon depicting Menno Simons doing the "Watusi." Here *Record* cartoonist – and future "Pontius' Puddle" creator – Joel Kauffmann '79 broaches the dancing topic with a jab at a classic Mennonite foible.

Theological and moral implications aside, we at Goshen College have seen Mennonites try to dance, and take my word, the ban on dancing is for your own good.

A new addition to the handbook

Compiled by Christy Risser and Rachel Lapp

Like any community, Goshen College has its own sense of place – as well as a unique niche in the geography of the church and the local area. GC also has a distinct lingo and atmosphere to get to know. Not that GC is a difficult place; there is a warm, welcoming environment here – unless it's the time of the autumn monsoons, the midwinter outbreak of seasonal affective disorder or spring's vacillation between the glory of studying-on-the-lawn-on-a-blanket weather and the return of … well, midwinter.

The trick to understanding any community is to know the unwritten idiosyncrasies, the things that don't appear in the student or faculty handbooks. Here's a start:

Ad Building: Administration Building (duh).

The Archives: The Archives of the Mennonite Church, official repository for the records of Mennonite Church agencies, conferences and congregations; John Sharp, director. Contains no X-Files, right John?

BALD: Bald Alliance of Leaders Debonair. Official student club for the bald/balding and proud. Not to be confused with "The Hair Club for Men"; BALD is open to both genders.

Broken Shield: Not the campus crest, but points to GC's Anabaptist-Mennonite tradition in peace issues. A striking red-orange sculpture by John Mishler, assistant professor of art, located in the middle of campus.

Bib Lit: One of many abbreviated names for GC classes, this one is "Biblical Literature," often taken as a general education course. Other abbreviations include Human Sex, Ed Psych, Kid Lit and Brit Lit, Bio Chem, Euro Civ, Comp Theory and Comm Theory, Chem, Lib Theo, Senior Sem, Marine Bio and Biz Law.

CAC: Campus Activities Council, responsible for good, clean fun.

Chez Goshen: House or home base in each SST *(see entry)* host country. Refuge.

Cheerleaders: Like Captain Maple Leaf, we enjoyed them for a season.

Dating: What's that?

Frisbee Football: If you've never played, you will by the time you graduate; games run practically 24/7 in all kinds of weather. Players are known for their green soles (not to be confused with members of EcoPax, the environmental arm of Pax, the student peace club). There will be no entry for frisbee golf, sorry '90s grads.

GSWA: Pronounced "*Gee*-swah." Goshen Student Women's Association; they sponsor the chocolate houses.

Hour After: Don't ask, just get in line for tickets (and bring your sleeping bag and study materials; borrow a cell phone, in case you have to call out for sustenance).

J-Board: Just follow the Standards (*see entry*) and you won't have to know.

1982 Over the years the *Record* cartoon has often been critical of campus and society, including when, during the 1980s, consumerism and "affluenza" gripped the nation. The 1980s also brought to the fore a host of national political figures who lent themselves to parody; the nation's president, for instance, appeared in 1981 as "Reagan Hood," holding up a beggar at knife point. This cartoon, which appeared courtesy of the Akron (Ohio) *Beacon Journal* in the Oct. 29 *Record*, is evidence of GC student activism – alive and well. Mark Schmucker '84, then a senior, finished his trimester via correspondence course while working at Emmaus Home, a facility for mentally handicapped adults, after being one of the first men in the nation prosecuted for refusing to register with the Selective Service.

NEWS ITEM: MARK SCHMUCKER, CONVICTED OF FAILING TO REGISTER FOR THE DRAFT, IS SENTENCED TO SPEND TWO YEARS WORKING WITH RETARDED ADULTS.
...AND THIS IS WHERE YOU'LL BE WORKING.
WAR ROOM
THE ONLY ANSWER IS THE MX MISSILE!
WE MAY HAVE TO DESTROY THE VILLAGE TO SAVE IT!
A NUCLEAR WAR IS WINNABLE, YOU KNOW.... I'M SURE WE COULD WIN ONE!
THE DRAFT! WE NEED THE DRAFT!!
SHUCK AYERS
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Lanyards: Not just a fashion statement, but an important symbol connected to the $24,000 fundraising effort for earthquake relief in Turkey initiated by students, faculty and staff *(see page 26)*.

Maple Leafs: We are the Leafs, and yes, we are aware that the plural of "leaf" is "leaves."

MHL: Mennonite Historical Library. Located on the third floor of the Good Library (darn right, it's good, 'With a Name Like Smuckers' in its heritage), MHL is one of GC's hidden treasures and a valuable resource for the Mennonite Church.

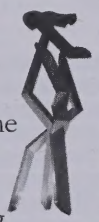
NC 19: Newcomer Center, Room 19. "NC" does not mean "No Charge"; campus events held here sometimes have a fee. Newcomer Center is not to be confused with the place where people coming to campus for the first time are to go – that's the Welcome Center, located at the south end of the Union building.

(The) Rot: Not a fungal disease picked up in the dorm showers; our showers are quite safe, thanks to the 'Service for Culture' teams from Phys Plant *(see entry)*. The Rot is actually a reference to the student cafeteria, run by Sodhexo-Marriott; not a reflection on the actual state of the food or what, without proper dental hygiene, that cafeteria food will do to students' teeth.

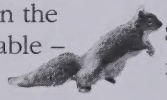
Paxi bell: A costume in the shape of a bell worn by Pax members at public events; photogenic, mutable; makes appearances on Earth Day and at activism activities.

Phys Plant: Physical Plant, the department that deals with all things physical on campus (facilities that is, not contact sports or the sexuality packet) from cleaning up to issuing parking tickets to fall leaf-drop control.

Postmodernism: Supposedly banned in "the Hub" where the *Record* (newspaper) and *Maple Leaf* (yearbook) are created.



RFC: Recreation-Fitness Center, formally the Roman Gingerich Recreation-Fitness Center. Also known as Gingerich Center or Rec-Fit or "the Rec." Never worked out? Don't sweat it (though you can't help it in the summer); classes are available – just ask Hartz.



SST: Study-Service Term. A must-know in GC-speak. Results in patterns of predictable international comings and goings every three months; time for natural "breaks" in relationships. Responsible in part for the heavy volume of foreign mail flowing through campus post office. More than 6,000 students and 200 faculty members have gone to 15 countries around the world on SST for the challenge of figuring out the ingredients in dishes, enjoying the giddiness of getting lost on a bus system in a foreign capitol and experiencing immunizations at the health center. See www.goshen.edu/sst; web page does not include packing lists, which varies from country to country (advice: don't pack salsa in your bag on the way home from Costa Rica).

Shoup House, Howell House, Hospital House, et al: Houses within a block of the main campus owned by the college and maintained as small group houses. Source of fond memories, community meals and, now, Internet connections by satellite.

Squirrels: Unofficial GC mascots; not for feeding or breeding.

Standards for Guiding Our Life Together: Known as "the Standards," this document contains guidelines for the community: "Can't we all just get along?"

1984 The GC campus is known for its black squirrel population, an animal which proved convenient for several cartoonists to rely on heavily in past years. Mark Turney (attended the fall of '94) went out on a limb and created the Goshen Gopher, who appeared disguised as various professors and celebrities. President Emeritus Victor Stoltzfus was another campus figure regularly lampooned, appearing as "Vic the toothbrush" in Matt Smucker's '94 "Zwingli Carnival" in a style reminiscent of Doonesbury, who chose, for example, to portray U.S. President Bill Clinton as a talking waffle.

Laughing at ourselves:
May we never cease to be amused

Excerpts from The Cow in the Science Hall: A Collection of GC Folklore *by Kyle Schlabach*

Humor is often rooted in self-perception, or assumptions about how others view us as individuals or groups. As a school in the Anabaptist-Mennonite tradition, with the majority of its students in the 18-22-age range, the college is a crossroads where institutional, theological, academic and social concerns meet – and where students challenge what they know while exploring the boundaries of familiar worlds. Faculty and administrators, too, make GC a place where questions are lived; through that searching comes humor, and an opportunity to bring serious matters to the fore.

The following is excerpted from chapter five of *The Cow in the Science Hall: A Collection of GC Folklore* by Kyle Schlabach '96 (Pinchpenny Press, 1994):

A vital tool for shaping self-identity, humor often serves as a buffer for ideas and opinions that need to be communicated and expressed, but that hit painfully close to home.

Goshen College's [community] is no exception. A rich amount of humor enlivens the campus vernacular. The jokelore of the campus community pokes fun at students, professors, fundraising and [the] relationships of [the] Mennonite colleges.

One joke, harkening back to the time when going to movies was frowned upon in the Mennonite community, pokes fun at the distances Mennonites had to go in order to safely indulge in cinematic pleasures.

> *About 1960, when I was a college student or a seminary muddler, there was a saying about where Goshen students and faculty went to the movies "in the old days": college students went to South Bend (Ind.), college faculty went to Chicago ... and seminary faculty went to Europe.*

Another three-item joke made worse – sacrilegious – fun of prominent faculty leaders. It alludes to the time prior to the building of the Church-Chapel when the campus community met daily for chapel services in Room 28 of the Administration Building. On the platform were three chairs, filled by the leaders of the service:

> *Some days we were privileged to have the Holy Trinity on the platform: G.F. Hershberger, J.C. Wenger and H.S. Bender. A little unholy imagination sees "God the Father," "Jesus Christ" and "Holy Spirit" in the initials.*

Often put in the unenviable position of pleasing both the students and the constituency, the

Yoder Dame's "Fighting Yoder" by senior Andy Wetherill

Swept up in the centennial excitement, alumni donated 280 bike racks to the Phys. Plant.

1994 It wasn't until around 1987 that the *Record* began to consistently print a weekly student-drawn cartoon. This new enthusiasm for cartoons brought an explosion of styles, from simple line-art boxes to large, complex photo-collages. I regard the fall of GC's centennial year as the golden age of GC's cartoon renaissance, with Gen X-ing and Comics for the Masses appearing weekly, side by side. Both Lowell Brown '95 and Matt Eberly '95 had a gift for seeing potential of the zany, both on campus and in the world around them.

Possibly the worst job on campus.

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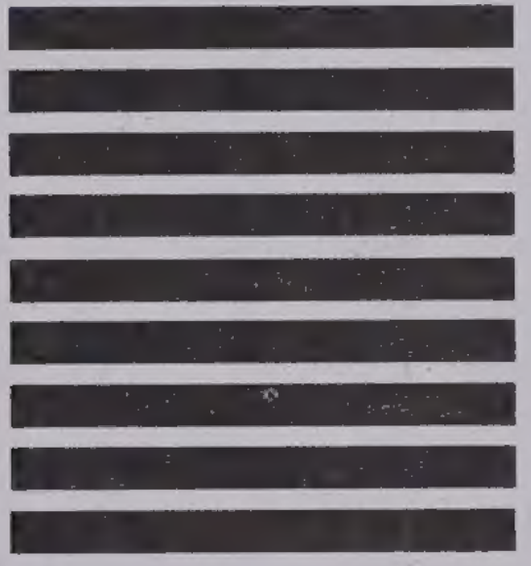

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administration is a popular target for satire. Fear of a sellout is expressed in this slightly nervous one-liner:

There is a rumor going around that a potentially big donor to Goshen College refuses to contribute until the name of the college is changed to "Yoder Dame."

The following anecdote captures the personal struggle that administrators and their spouses endure to balance the importance of their work and its effect on their lives.

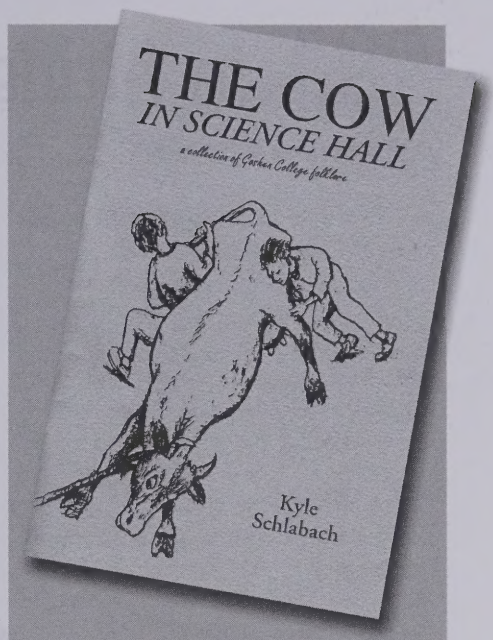
Dan Kauffman spends an enormous amount of time away from home on behalf of Goshen College. One day his wife Edith told him, "Dan, I think you love Goshen College more than you do me."

Dan replied, with a twinkle in his eye, "That may be so, but I certainly love you more than I do Hesston or EMC."

Although the Mennonite colleges are bound together by their similarities and common ties to the larger Mennonite community, a slight sense of competition always remains. The points where the images of the schools overlap and come into conflict beg for resolution and clarification.

Representatives of Hesston (Kan.) College, EMC (Harrisonburg, Va.) and Goshen College came together to discuss finances and related issues. Stories at the time had to do with streaking [or running unclothed] on the campuses. There were streakers at Goshen one weekend, at Hesston later that week and at EMC the following weekend. John Hershberger's one-liner: "How did the Goshen students get to Harrisonburg so soon?"

The perceived differences between the colleges have provided the basis for many jokes comparing and contrasting the institutions and their graduates. While the implied judgments in these jokes may or may not be true, they certainly are evidence of strong perceptions – and concerns – within the folk community. Stories and jokes validate and interpret our experience, and our best humor gains its force from its pointedness. We can identify strongly with the truths we find there.



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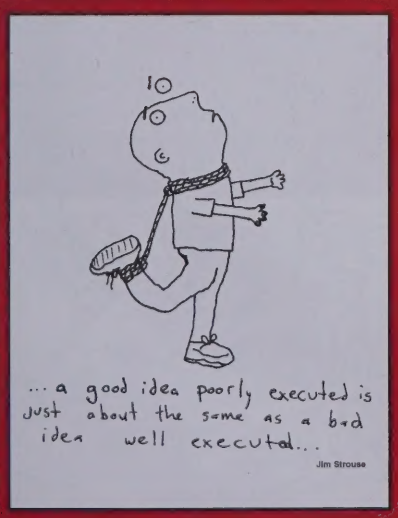
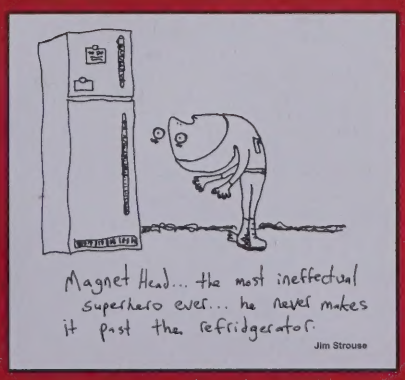


1997

With the introduction of the floating eye and non- sequitur dialog, Jim Strouse's '99 cartoon amused and confused GCers for three years, longer than any previous student cartoonist. While too soon to see what lasting effects Strouse's style will have on the GC cartoon community, his characters were also commissioned for use in GC admissions and public relations paraphernalia. While Strouse's cartoons rarely pertained to campus or world issues, the post-modern college student could identify with socio-cultural anomie implied by Strouse's cartoon.



SST in hindsight: Catharsis and humor

From a project by Gina Leichty

For a project in Professor of English Ervin Beck's Folklore class, Gina Leichty '95 submitted a project about SST folktales. Leichty observed that humor was an important bridge in smoothing cultural gaps and in retelling SST stories that, at the time, might have caused more stress than giggles.

The folklore surrounding SST experiences has a cathartic function, Leichty proposed, stating, "While each story varied to some degree, the SST stories aided the teller's personal understanding and ability to cope with an unusual, often stressful event."

The following anecdotes are a few examples of humorous SST catharsis:

Liz Toppin (Sr., Berlin, N.J.), Costa Rica, fall '97

Phil Leichty '71: Nicaragua, Fall 1969

We had flown on the national airline La Nica from Miami. We landed in their airport and our host families came to meet us. I thought I would show off my Spanish and introduce my host family to other GC students. The first thing I said was … "This is *mi madre*," which is not a good thing to do in Nicaragua, because that meant, "This is my nun." A Catholic priest was "Padre" and a nun was "Madre." For mother and father, they used *"mamá"* and *"papá."* My mother was quick to correct me.

Dale King '95: Germany, Summer 1994

Ray Vandersall '96 [lived with a host family with] this old Grandfather. Ray would have to be introduced to him every day for the first three weeks.

"Who is this?" the Grandfather would say.

"He's an American student who is living with us. We introduced you to him yesterday," the family would reply.

"No you didn't," [said Grandfather.]

[My host family] was seriously critical of anything the U.S. did. They would make these jokes, but since I wasn't that familiar with the language, I wouldn't know they were jokes. One time dad said, "You know America went from the Stone Age to decadence without the necessary step in culture." I was like, "Ohhh, my. Help! Six long weeks!"

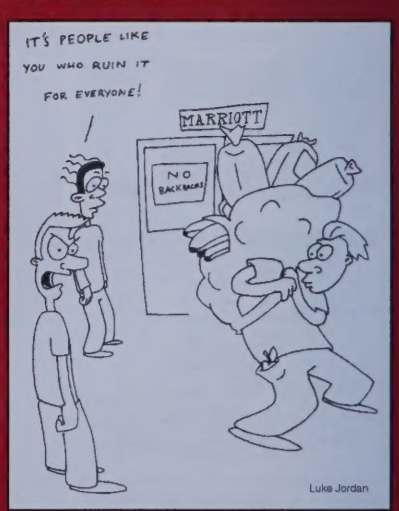
I was mailing a package. I went into the post office and it took me a while to get to the right door. You had to go in the back and jump the Doberman and do some sit-ups … I handed [the clerk] the box; she weighed it and said, "Twenty-three dollars."

I thought she said *$32* so I said, "Thirty-two dollars?"

She said, "No, twenty-three dollars."

And I said, "Three hundred twenty dollars?!" Everyone

1999 After Strouse's philosophical bent, Luke Jordan steered the cartoon back toward campus issues. Perhaps no campus facility has been more discussed over the years than the cafeteria. In the 1980s, while under control of Saga Foodservice, the cafeteria's strict entrance policies were critiqued in a cartoon titled "Saga Vice"; more than a decade later, Jordan responded to Sodexho-Marriott and its anti-backpack policy instituted to discourage food theft.



Into the next millennium. . .

The nature of *Record* cartooning has evolved greatly over the years, from clip art-like illustrations to imported creations to full-blown student

immediately turns around and stops and looks at me.

She says, "No, twenty-three dollars."

I said, "Ohhh," and laid down the cash really quietly.

Marcela Shank King '95: Costa Rica, Spring 1993

We always carried our backpacks in front so no one would steal anything. One time someone opened mine. They'd didn't actually steal anything ... The thing that was ironic is that the only thing that I had in my backpack was a travel guide that said how friendly Costa Ricans are.

Vicki Horsch Hoylman '95: Germany, Summer 1994

When I was at the nursing home, my first service assignment, there was this old woman who was so deaf. It seemed like sometimes she would just hear what she wanted to. One sunny afternoon ... I helped the woman get outside because she was kind of slow with the stairs ... We were talking and visiting and she turned to me and said, "How old are you?"

I said, "Twenty-one," but she couldn't hear; I shouted it in her ear but that wasn't working. I would get her to watch my mouth – that wasn't working. So then I was making the numbers with my hands – but that wasn't working.

Finally she just got this look, "Oh" – like she finally understood. She said, "One hundred and twenty, why you are older than me!"

Michele Nafziger '94: Costa Rica, Spring 1993

It's customary on the buses to say *"parada"* to let the bus driver know you need to get off at a certain stop. Usually you say it quietly – just loud enough to let the driver hear you. Well, we were all riding along somewhere one day and we were getting close to our stop when [an SST group member] screams at the top of his lungs, "PARADA!" Everyone just turned and looked at us like we were the rudest things to be imported to Costa Rica. [The SSTer] learned not to scream when [needing] to get off the bus.

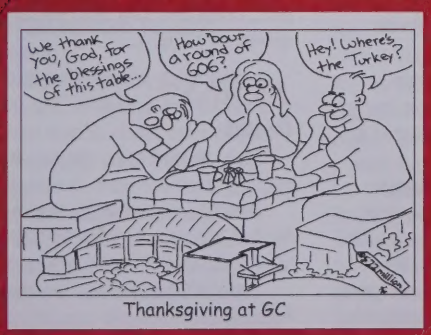
Top 10 rejected mottoes for GC

by Ryan Ahlgrim '79

10. Success with humility
9. The choice of 4 out of 5 Mennonite doctors
8. Global yet provincial
7. The few, the meek, the Mennonites
6. More expensive than a state school, but a lot cheaper than Harvard
5. A little service now, a lot of money later
4. Nonresistance with an attitude
3. (Us)is (or)as (Emu)nus
2. A dull location sharpens the mind
1. The truth will set you free, within community-established limits

Editor's note:
Don't worry, GC's motto is still *Culture for Service*.

cartoons. In the student work, three themes prevail: campus, world and silly. At their best, cartoonists have combined these themes seamlessly into a humorous package; at their worst, they are just plain dumb, but even then we sometimes laugh. Alongside the once-per-semester spoof issue, the *Record* cartoon has played a vital role in lightening campus issues by combining the power of visual metaphor with that of humor in a way which can add civility to any debate. May this never change.



Thanksgiving at GC

Senior Tim Godshall of Mt. Joy, Pa., created the *Record* cartoon (left and others) with senior Chris Kennel of Harrisonburg, Va., during the fall '99 semester.

Some things never change.

Ask the director...

Q: *I didn't return my order form for an alumni directory; now I've decided I want one. Is it still available?*

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— Susan Edwards

1920-29

Deaths

Iola Yoder Corwin '24, wife of Loyal Corwin, 351 N. Elm St., Nappanee, IN 46550-1413, June 29.

Ruby McMahon Hay '26, Syracuse, Ind., Aug. 25.

Viola Short Rufenacht '25, Wauseon, Ohio, July 20.

Florence Hawks Stalter '28, Leesburg, Ind., July 9.

1930-39

Deaths

Rita Kufske Bean, wife of **Andrew W. Bean '38**, 1414 King St. E., Apt. 301, Kitchener, ON N2G 4T8, Canada, Sept. 23, 1998.

B. Frank Byler '38, husband of **Anna Hallman Byler '38**, 1425 Greencroft Drive, Goshen, IN 46526, July 29.

Dorcas Yoder Kauffman '30, Goshen, July 19.

Ada Ramseyer Litwiller '34, Goshen, July 11.

Evelyn Mast Stutzman '34, wife of Roman Stutzman, 6308 County Road 189, Millersburg, OH 44654-9002, July 8.

Paul M. Weaver '39, husband of Ella Mae Stern Weaver, 505 Hawthrone Trace, North Manchester, IN 46962, July 2.

Dorothy Spaide Wilson '39, Freeport, Ill., Feb. 23.

Notes

Andrew W. Bean '38, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, volunteers as a part-time probation and parole officer.

Ivan W. Brunk '35, Sarasota, Fla., was featured in the April issue of the Old Colorado City Historical Society's newsletter, *West World*. His wife, **Ann Jennings Brunk '36**, is also a society member.

J. Lawrence '39 and **Harriet Lapp Burkholder '37**, Goshen, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a reception at College Mennonite Church. They were married Aug. 20, 1939.

Willard and **Verna Enns Guengerich '33**, Glenwood Springs, Colo., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family in June 1998.

Jonathan J. '46 and **Gladys Bontrager Hostetler '31**, Goshen, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in August. They were married Aug. 11, 1929. Jonathan is a retired pastor who authored and published six books. He also served on the Mennonite Commission for Christian Education 31 years. Gladys was a teacher and is active in church Sunday school and women's programs.

Carl '36 and **Evelyn Burkholder Kreider '36**, Goshen, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a family gathering June 25-28. They were married June 8, 1939, in Westminster Chapel, London, England.

Edward D. Raber '33 and **Mabel Snider-Raber '33**, Goshen, celebrated their 90th birthdays on Oct. 3 with an open house at Greencroft Senior Center. Edward was born on Oct. 6 and Mabel on Oct. 3, 1909.

Milton D. and Ella Amstutz **Rohrer '32**, Orrville, Ohio, will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Jan. 1, 2000.

Robert and **Hazel Conrad Rudy '38**, Wooster, Ohio, recently celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary.

1940-49

Deaths

Vera Clouse Beachy '40, Houston, Texas, July 12.

James Hershberger, husband of **Esther Miller Hershberger '46**, Walnut Hills Commons, P.O. Box 128, Apt. 31, Walnut Creek, Ohio, 44681-9419, May 14.

Leonard W. Lehman '40, Goshen, Sept. 3.

Mary E. Brubaker Mumaw, wife of **Harvey D. Mumaw '42**, 4415 Back Orrville Road, Wooster, OH 44691-9521, April 5.

Iva R. Resue '49, Tampa, Fla., Sept. 5, 1998.

Ruth C. Roth '48, Benson, Ill., June 17.

Lawrence J. Rule '44, husband of Gloria Nies Rule, 1689 Cobblestone Court, Red Wing, MN 55066, June 24.

Suzanne Troyer Yoder '45, Goshen, July 28.

Notes

Irene Zehr Adams '49, Goodfield, Ill., is a volunteer coordinator with church women's ministries.

Robert J. Baker '42, Elkhart, Ind., recently concluded 34 years of writing his column, "If I Were Teaching the Lesson," for Mennonite Publishing House's *Builder*.

Peter W. and Gladys Klassen **Buller '47**, Goshen, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family at Chimney Corners, Mich., and a trip to Alaska in July. They were married June 24, 1949, and spent 35 years as missionaries in the Congo.

Darlene Birkey Byler '44, Hickory, N.C., does visitation in nursing homes and is active in the women's missionary program.

Willard '49 and **Hettie Conrad Conrad '49**, Colorado Springs, Colo., do weekly home and nursing home visits. Hettie also quilts for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and participates in local projects.

Gabriel Coll '47, Lindenwold, N.J., active in the South Jersey Hispanic community, was awarded a 'Distinguished Citizen' plaque.

Lee H. '49 and **Adella Brunk Kanagy '44**, Belleville, Pa., spent the month of September in Furano, Hokkaido, Japan, having been invited to be present at the dedication of a new church building.

J. Clair and Dorothy Berkey **Kauffman '48**, Goshen, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house Aug. 8 at the West Goshen Church of the Brethren cabin. They were married Oct. 8, 1939.

Clarence N. '49 and **Wilma Ewert Leichty '49**, Goshen, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner Aug. 1. They were married Aug. 23, 1949. He is a retired administrator with Elkhart Community Schools; she is a retired nurse.

Ernest D. '50 and **Rosetta Blosser Martin '49**, Columbiana, Ohio, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 31 with a reception at Midway Mennonite Church. They were married Aug. 28, 1949. She was an elementary school teacher; he was a pastor at Midway for 38 years. He is a published writer and has served in several denominational positions.

Dorothy Miller Nelson McFarland '44, Goshen, was a recipient of the Kiwanis Club's Diakonia Award Sept. 7. This award is in recognition of her lifetime of service to others, her community and God.

Vernon '49 and **Geneva Ulrich Meyer '49**, Wooster, Ohio, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 31 with extended family. They were married July 31, 1949. He is a retired school teacher, and she is a retired social worker.

Raymond (faculty '61-'72) and **Romaine Stahl Sala '47**, Goshen, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house Aug. 29 at College Mennonite Church. They were married June 15, 1949.

David A. Shank '48, Sturgis, Mich., received *L'Afrique en Crise: Quelles Perspectives?*, a published edition of his 1996 lectures for Africa's francophone biblical groups at the University of Ouagadougou, Burkino Faso. His research on "The Pentecostalism of Prophet William Wade Harris" was published in the January-May 1999 *Archives de Sciences Sociales de Religion* of France's Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique.

Floyd A. Shank '43, Kissimmee, Fla., has retired after serving as dean and teaching in a seminary in Boma, Zaire.

Reuben B. '40 and **Annabel Raber Widmer '39**, Green Valley, Ariz., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Aug. 1.

1950-59

Deaths

Mary Nesbitt Cline '55, New Paris, Ind., Aug. 21.

Harold E. Hartzler '56, husband of **Rachel Nafziger Hartzler '70**, 1121 S. Main St., Goshen, IN 46526-4326, Oct. 6.

Kathryn Cart Johnson '58, Tampa, Fla., Aug. 20.

Ella Mae Lehman Lehman, wife of **J. E. Lehman '50**, P.O. Box 58, Kidron, OH 44636-0058, July 31.

LeRoy Leppke, husband of **Marilyn Baker Leppke '57**, 4700 Elgarose Road, Roseburg, OR 97470-9741, May 7.

LeRoy D. Nisley '54, husband of **Mabel Martin Nisley '71**, 55080 County Road 8, Middlebury, IN 46540-8708, July 23.

Margaret Biscomb Schrock '59, wife of Cletus Schrock, 1232 Greencroft Drive, Goshen, IN 46526, Aug. 13.

Leander B. Schroeder '50, husband of **Bernice Detwiler Schroeder '44**, 23022 Marydale Drive, Elkhart, IN 46517-9144, Aug. 6.

Gerald Lott, husband of **Evelyn Raber Stump Lott '57**, 314 Park Ave., Goshen, IN 46526, April 4.

Marilyn Ringenberg Troyer '58, wife of **Marlin L. Troyer '56**, 3346 S. Twyckenham Drive, South Bend, IN 46614-2154, Sept. 13.

Marriages

Lois Dayton Byler '56, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Robert J. Morauski, Pueblo, Colo., Feb. 16.

Ray S. Spicher '50 and Darlene Lavering, both of Ozawkie, Kan., May 25.

Notes

A. Jane Trumbo Alderfer '57, Crete, Ill., remains active in community and church affairs during her retirement. Her husband, **Joseph E. Alderfer '55**, has been director of design at the University of Chicago Press since 1984. He has worked in book design at the Press for 32 years.

Clifford W. '50 and **Lois Blosser Amstutz '48**, Hesston, Kan., are active in church and senior center volunteer work in their retirement.

Cora Garber Askren '50, Goshen, moved in 1998 from Akron, Pa., where she had worked for Ten Thousand Villages for three years. She was a legal secretary in Houston, Texas, for 13 years.

Lois Dayton Byler Morauski '56, Colorado Springs, Colo., retired in April, after working at the law firm of Kruse & Lynch for 30 years. She and her husband, Robert, perform in senior centers, nursing homes and churches. Lois plays piano and sings; Robert plays hammered dulcimer, button box accordion, banjo and harmonica.

Esther Showalter Deal '53, Fort Wayne, Ind., a volunteer for 20 years at Lutheran Hospital, serves in the diabetes treatment center.

James R. Delp '55, Bend, Ore., retired from his ophthalmology practice after 35 years.

In August, **John A. Esau '59**, North Newton, Kan., completed more than 14 years as director of ministerial leadership services for the General Conference Mennonite Church. In April, Faith and Life Press issued the book, *Congregations and Pastors*, a collection of 100 columns he wrote for *Mennonite Weekly Review* over the last 12 years.

David L. Groh '52, Kalona, Iowa, retired as pastor of Kalona Mennonite Church in 1996. Since then, he has served as interim pastor at Bethel Mennonite Church, Wayland, Iowa, and Evangelical Mennonite Church, Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Darrel M. Hostetler '54, Goshen, is minister of music at North Goshen Mennonite Church and directs a 50-voice mixed choir, The Evergreen Singers, at Greencroft.

Margaret Meyer Irvin '52, El Sobrante, Calif., initiated and chairs a poets and storytellers committee to support writing activities at Montclair Presbyterian Church, Oakland, Calif.

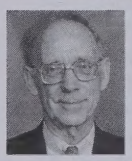
Benjamin E. Kenagy '51, Albany, Ore., retired as a physician in July.

Glendon J. Klaassen '58, Syracuse, Ind., retired in June 1998 from administration in the General Conference Mennonite Church.

Ruth Conrad Liechty '58, Goshen, co-edits *Connecting Families* newsletter, a twice-yearly newsletter for families with gay/lesbian/bisexual members and their friends. She also maintains the mailing list.

Kenneth M. Long '54, New Wilmington, Pa., read and scored The College Board's advanced placement examinations in June. He has been a professor of chemistry at Westminster College since 1962.

Anna Martin '57, Lititz, Pa., retired in 1998 after a 41-year nursing career. She is now a part-time dietary aide at Landis Homes Retirement Community.



Edgar J. Metzler '52, Akron, Pa., has been named MCC director of international programs. Duties include coordinating cohesive international programs and supervising MCC directors in each continent, the Peace Office, the International Visitor Exchange Program, the Global Family Program and the Food, Disaster and Material Resource Program.

Vern Miller '51, Shaker Heights, Ohio, has served as pastor emeritus at Lee Heights Community Church since 1993. He also volunteers at the Ministerial Alliance Retirement Center. **Helen Hostetler Miller '51** is the church organist and has been the administrator of a senior housing center for 12 years.

William F. '55 and **Phyllis Ramseyer Miller '55**, White Pigeon, Mich., spent three months in service with the International Assistance Mission through Mennonite Board of Missions (MBM) from March to May.

Kenneth D. Miller '54, Woodburn, Ind., retired in April after 39 years of general medical practice.

Roscoe Y. and Christa Von Hofacker **Miller '51**, Glendale, Calif., spent May and June on a trip driving to Alaska. As a volunteer, he facilitates three bereavement groups.

Glenn E. '51 and **Lois Shank Musselman '51** began a nine-month interim pastor assignment at Calico Rock, Ark., in August.

David L. Schenk '58, Port Hueneme, Calif., is an elder and Stephen minister at First Presbyterian Church, Oxnard, Calif.

Charles B. '57 and **Ruth Frey Shenk '59**, Columbus, Ohio, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at Columbus Mennonite Church, July 18. They were married June 19, 1949, and served as MBM missionaries in Japan for 37 years.

John J. Smoker '52 works two days each week at the Santa Fe (N.M.) Family Health Center. In 1998, he was named New Mexico family physician of the year; he is currently a finalist for the national award of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

James A. Snyder '51, Hewitt, Texas, retired from 23 years of respiratory therapy. **Maria Rivera Snyder '56**, an independent wellness educator, retired from DePaul Psychiatric Hospital in 1997.

Frederick J. Speckeen '53, Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada, was named finance chair of the Strata Council, a group responsible for administration of the 100-unit complex where they live. He was elected to church session of Summerland (B.C.) Presbyterian Church and does volunteer work with aboriginal people through the Canadian Executive Service Organization.

Wilma Kaufman Springer '56, Long Beach, Calif., a facilitator for gifted and talented education at Albert Baxter Elementary School, was named an outstanding educator in a proclamation from Assemblywoman Sally Havice of California Assembly District 56. In 1998, Wilma also received the Distinguished Toastmaster Award, the highest level of achievement in the organization. She is now lieutenant governor of marketing in Founder's District, where Toastmasters was started by Dr. Ralph Smedley in 1924.

M. Willis Sutter '51, Eureka, Ill., is in his second year as president of Illinois Mennonite Conference.

Franklin A. Ulrich '55, Archbold, Ohio, retired in March. He is a board member for a media project doing microeconomic development in Toledo's inner city.

Carol Mast Webster '58, Akron, N.Y., recently retired as director of nursing from Brothers of Mercy, Sacred Heart Home.

Helen Eicher Weldy '55, Archbold, Ohio, teaches part time at Northwest Community College, Archbold. **Dale D. Weldy '53** refinishes furniture part time and is active with the church choir.

Elizabeth Janzen Whisenhant '54, Fairbanks, Alaska, teaches English at a church-sponsored literacy school. She also reaches out to homebound elderly people, teaches a Bible study class and plays the organ at her church. She has published a children's book and is an amateur artist. As part of an Elderhostel program, she and her husband visited the Aegean Sea, an archeological dig near Jerusalem and the ancient Egyptian civilization.

David H. Yoder '57, Morgantown, W.Va., is vice chair of the West Virginia Route 2 Interstate 68 Authority and president of Monongalia County Development Authority, a regional development authority appointed by the county commission. He is also the president of the Allegheny Development Corporation and was appointed by West Virginia's governor to a council promoting economic development and various modes of transportation.

Joyce Gingerich Zuercher '58, Hesston, Kan., began a Mennonite Voluntary Service assignment in August teaching kindergarten and first grade for the 1999-2000 school year at the Hopi Mission School in Kykotsmovi, Ariz. **William R. Zuercher '58** will be working in fundraising, development and administration, also at the school, with MVS.

1960-64

Deaths

Eunice Davidhizar Brenneman '60, wife of David Brenneman, 382 Sylvan Drive, Stuarts Draft, VA 24477, June 15.

Hazel Metzler Klotz '64, wife of Clifford Klotz, 28645 County Road 52, Nappanee, IN 46550, Sept. 23.

Gordon Schrag '60, husband of **Laura Sherk Schrag '58**, 1301 Virginia Ave., Apt. 236, Harrisonburg, VA 22802, Aug. 22.

Walter E. Zehr '60, husband of Pauline Bauman Zehr, 5317 Brocks Gap Road, Broadway, VA 22815, May 22.

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Frances J. Hassencahl '64, Chesapeake, Va., participated in an international faculty development seminar, "Understanding Islam: Impact on Politics, Economics and Education in Turkey" sponsored by the Council on International Educational Exchange. She also visited Faith University, Istanbul, and Dokuz Eylul University, Izmir, where she gave a seminar on distance learning.

Sybil Thomas Josiah '62, Betania, Panama, retired in 1997 when Gorgas Army Community Hospital closed. She had served as the labor and delivery area's head nurse.

James M. Kauffman '62, Charlottesville, Va., was appointed Charles S. Robb Professor of Education at the University of Virginia's Curry School of Education in July. He is a co-editor of *Behavioral Disorders*, the journal of the Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders.

Dwight Y. King '64, Dekalb, Ill., was recently awarded a Fulbright grant to study in Indonesia.

Marian Blough Krebs '62, Wolcottville, Ind., retired after 23 years at Wolcottville Elementary School.

Kathryn Jane Crawford Mayer '63, Okemos, Mich., recently completed 36 years of teaching. A volunteer at Sparrow Hospital, she is a member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, a philanthropic organization.

William H. Meyers '63, Rome, Italy, has taken a two-year leave from Iowa State University to serve with the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations. He will head the economic and social department's agriculture and economic development research service.

Donald C. '63 and **Sylvia Steiner Miller '60**, Goshen, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a dinner with family. They were married Sept. 5, 1959.

Kay Swartzendruber Montgomery '63, Hollywood, Calif., teaches acting and singing in Hollywood and London, England, attends film and television school and is a film, television and commercial actress.

Stanley G. Reedy '62, Ypsilanti, Mich., is medical director for the Livingston and Washtenaw County Health Departments. In June, he began a two-year term as president of the Mennonite Medical Association. **Janet Umble Reedy '62** is completing her master's degree in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages at Eastern Michigan University.

Wesley D. '62 and **Sue Schlatter Richard '62** are co-pastors at Elm Street Church of the Brethren, Lima, Ohio. Wesley is chair of the Bluffton College communication and theater department.

Mary Hunsberger Schiedel '61, New Hamburg, Ontario, Canada, continues her ministry as a mentor and spiritual director.

Vera Faye Zook Schmucker '62, Goshen, retired after 28 years of teaching in the Goshen Community Schools.

Rhoda Nafziger Schrag '63, Goshen, graduated from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary with a master's of divinity degree May 21.

Marion D. Schrock '61, Salem, Ore., was awarded the 1998-99 Alma and Mario Pastega Faculty Honors Award at Western Oregon University for his work as a clarinetist and his multimedia design work for music literature courses. He will retire in December after 30 years as a member of the WOU faculty. **Verna Rohrer Schrock '61** retired after 33 years in public education, mostly at Myers Elementary, Salem, where she continues to volunteer.

Earl R. Sears '61, Newton, Kan., was a pastor for 33 years and is now director of Offender Victim Ministries, Newton. He had worked with the Victim Offender Reconciliation Program in Elkhart, Ind., from 1980 to 1983.

Carl L. Smeltzer '60 is chaplain at Souderton (Pa.) Mennonite Homes.

Norma Steckley Steckley '61, Denver, Colo., is a broker for residential and commercial real estate.

Mary Lapp Swartley '62, Elkhart, Ind., and **Rhoda Shenk Keener '86**, Shippensburg, Pa., are co-editors of *She Has Done a Good Thing*, a collection of essays by Mennonite women about how God called them to leading roles in church ministries.

Theodore R. '60 and **Arlene Peifer Walter '62**, Peachland, British Columbia, Canada, manage MCC's Ten Thousand Villages Store in Penticton, a tourist town.

Clara Rae Walters '61, Chapel Hill, N.C., served 27 years in the Army Reserve, 3274th U.S. Army Hospital, Durham, N.C., and retired as a colonel in October. In 1993, she retired after 27 years as a faculty member in the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill's school of nursing.

Doris Litwiller Webber '60, Orlando, Fla., is one of more than 350 voices in the choir at First Baptist Church.

1965-69

Death

Ruby Yoder Miller '65, wife of **Lyle Miller '68**, 3288 305th St., Parnell, IA 52325, Aug. 26.

Marriages

Barbara Holdread '68 and Robert Adams, both of Glendale, Ariz., April 18, 1998.

Guenn Stoltzfus Martin '66 and **Clair E. Martin '66**, both of Lebanon, Tenn., Aug. 10, 1998.

Notes

Barbara Holdread Adams '68, Glendale, Ariz., is a senior software specialist in Honeywell's industrial automation control division, Phoenix.

Susan Miller Balzer '69, Hesston, Kan., is a member of the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee and serves on the planning committee for the VIII International Conference for War Tax Resisters and Peace Tax Fund Supporters. She does free-lance writing for local newspapers and Mennonite periodicals.

Larry L. Bardell '67, Albany, Ore., works in private practice as a psychiatric nurse practitioner with prescriptive privileges. He also has a studio where he sculpts original art dolls and provides instructions. **Linda Lemons Bardell '70** is in private practice as a nurse/massage therapist.

Irene Lais Bornman '65, Goshen, began a three-year term as a member of a church planting team in Senegal. Their team works with Mennonite Board of Missions and Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission as Friends of the Wolof.

Ruth Holderman Davidhizar '68, Goshen, is co-author of the 1999 Mosby yearbook publication *Transcultural Nursing: Assessment and Intervention*, third edition.

Lillian Bartel Elias '67, Elkhart, Ind., graduated from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary with a master of divinity degree May 21.

Clyde L. Hockman '65, Hubbard, Ore., retired after 32 years as management information services director at Oregon State Hospital. **Carolyn Lind Hockman '63** continues to teach third grade at North Marion Schools.

Dennis D. Kauffman '68, Mountain View, Calif., was promoted to manager of core quality assurance for Post Script at Adobe Systems Inc.

Loretta Epp Kaufman '68, Laird, Saskatchewan, Canada, is a member of MCC's Saskatchewan Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

Reitha Kaufman Klaassen '67, Syracuse, Ind., retired from Prairie View Mental Health Center in March.

Melba Weaver Martin '65, Goshen, retired in April after 27 years as program administrator of the evangelism and church development department at Mennonite Board of Missions.

Martha Ebersole Nardacci '68, Lancaster, Pa., is a data-entry clerk in the storage tank division of Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection.

Doris Nolley Perkins '69, Yonkers, N.Y., retired from the New York City Board of Education after 30 years.

Emily Strong Rickloff '67, Sarasota, Fla., teaches elementary physical education at Bay Haven School of Basics Plus-1, a magnet school in the public school system. She is also moderator of the deacons at First Presbyterian Church.

Donald M. '66 and **M. Ruth Roeschley Slabaugh '67**, Whitefish, Mont., left for Papua, New Guinea, this summer, to begin long-term mission work.

Ernest W. and Carol Leedy **Taylor '66**, Colorado Springs, Colo., founded VisionTrust International, a Christian humanitarian organization focusing on orphaned and neglected children in Asia and the Carribean, in 1997. They care for 236 children daily.

Ruth Liechty Veley '69, Dubuque, Iowa, became a certified public accountant in March of 1997 and is employed as tax manager for a seven-office firm.

Kenyon D. Yoder '69, Beaver, Pa., transferred to the corporate office of Bayer Corporation in Pittsburgh, Pa., where he manages a number of safety programs for 24,000 employees.

1970-74

Death

Harold E. Lebold '70, husband of Karen Bender Lebold, R.R. 1, Hanover, ON, N4N 3B8, Canada, April 29.

Birth

J.D. Stahl '73 and Sarah J. Windes, Blacksburg, Va., Hans Walter, June 15.

Notes

Ruth Nyenhuis Barrett '72, Bloomington, Ind., is the owner of Health Check, LLC. They do on-site wellness screening for companies.

M. Scott Barrett '72, Bloomington, Ind., is self-employed at Barrett and Associates, with offices in Chicago and Indiana. He does class action litigation nationwide.

Clarence R. Bauman '70, Harrisonburg, Va., began as director of development at Eastern Mennonite University in October.

Daniel R. Byler '73, from West Liberty, Ohio, does development work with Christian Reformed World Relief Committee in Bangladesh.

Grace Martin Dickerson '70, Washington, D.C., started an after-school and summer program for children. She is also an educational advocate for Love of Children; she helps parents of children with special needs complete their GED, go on to post-secondary education and find services for their children.

Robert W. Guth '72, Goshen, has been named a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, the highest professional recognition an actuary can achieve in the United States or Canada. It represents several years of study and the successful completion of a series of examinations administered by the Society.

Pamela Molle Hervert '73, Ravenna, Neb., became president of the Nebraska State Bowling Proprietors in July.

Mary Ann Krabill Hollinger '72, Camp Hill, Pa., is associate dean for external programs at Messiah College.

Badawe I. Khader '70, Salt Lake City, Utah, is a control substance specialist

at the University of Utah medical center pharmacy. **Joy Kauffman Khader '71** is coordinator for outreach education at Primary Children's Medical Center.

Katharine W. Lehman '70, West Lafayette, Ind., volunteered at Woodstock Christian International School, Mussoorie, India, in August.

Carlos F. Mercado '74, Salt Lake City, Utah, retired from Army Intelligence and now does translations of English/Spanish. He has recently begun writing a novel about his service. He participates in an active prayer tree at his church.

H. Glenn '72 and **Glenda Detweiler Moyer '75**, Plumsteadville, Pa., are in their fifth years of teaching at El Camino Academy, Bogotá, Colombia, where they are missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators. They recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary.

Brent B. Nelson '72, Columbia, Md., opened a new business last year, GINET, a Web hosting and design company. He is a part-time fishing guide for Life Outdoors Unlimited.

Evelyn Short Regier '74, Newton, Kan., is a school nurse for Wichita Public Schools.

Ann E. Schertz '74, Benham, Ky., an associate professor of music at Southeast Community College, coordinates the Harlan Area Performing Arts Series and directs the Southeast Community Choir.

Melvin E. Schulz '72, Parnell, Iowa, has taken a new position as a nurse transplant coordinator for renal and pancreas patients at University of Iowa Hospitals. Previously, he worked for 22 years as a floor surgical nurse in general cardiothoracic and abdominal organ transplant.

Meribeth C. Shank '73, Goshen, is in a master's degree program in fine arts in writing for children at Vermont College, Montpelier, Vt.

Steven R. Studebaker '70, Hendersonville, N.C., recently expanded his financial planning practice for retirees to Hendersonville and Brevard. He is a financial planner for Studebaker Investments Inc.

David L. Weldy '72, Mantua, Ohio, moved his medical practice to Ravenna in May, after a fire. He plans to build a new facility in Mantua and is actively looking for an associate. **Ann Croyle Weldy '75** continues as the medical practice's office manager and is starting a library at their church.

Susan Dirksen Yoder '70, Brown Deer, Wis., a psychiatric clinical nurse specialist and advanced practice nurse prescriber with Milwaukee County Community Support Program, works in the community with people who have severe and persistent mental illness.

1975-79

Births

Correction: On p. 19 of the September '99 issue of the *Bulletin*, Stephani Marlene Gongwer was incorrectly listed as being born to **Rick L. '92** and **Lori Kauffman Yoder '91**. Stephani's parents are Stephen and **Judith Beck Gongwer '79**, Elkhart, Ind. She was born May 9.

Carlton J. Haarer '79 and Leigh Hurwitz-Haarer, Swampscott, Mass., Lian, July 6.

Mark and **Lisbeth Bachman Savage '78**, Valparaiso, Ind., Aaron Jeffry, March 30.

John G. and Elizabeth Anderson **Tiessen '78**, St. Paul, Minn., William Jacob, May 7.

Marvin G. Zehr '75 and **Linda Anneler Zehr '87**, Carthage, N.Y., Rebekah Anneler, May 19.

Notes

Eileen Becker-Hoover '77, Goshen, was named teacher of the year at Bethany Christian High School.

Debra Detwiler Brubaker '79, Goshen, began teaching at GC in August as associate professor of music. She teaches studio voice, vocal methods and pedagogy and directs the chorale.

Mary J. Dyck '78, Iowa City, Iowa, was recertified for five years as a gerontological nurse by the American Nursing Credentialing Center. This fall she began full-time studies at the University of Iowa's college of nursing in the doctoral program's gerontological nursing track.

James W. Egli '78, Houston, Texas, is working at a doctorate in communication at Regent University, Virginia Beach, Va.

Stanley and **Barbara Dunn Glanders '75**, Elkhart, Ind., own Master Automotive, named Small Business of the Month in July by the Elkhart Chamber of Commerce. Barbara completed Indiana University-South Bend's paralegal studies program in 1997.

Kim D. and Sonia Kauffman **Green '77**, Goshen, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a Bermuda cruise. They were married July 20, 1974.

Eileen G. Hostetler '78, Ronan, Mont., went to Honduras, Guatemala and Costa Rica in April. In Honduras, she delivered donated medical supplies to a family shelter in Choluteca and to the hospital and Save the Children in San Lorenzo. In Costa Rica she attended language school.

Loren L. Johns '77, Bluffton, Ohio, graduated magna cum laude with a Ph.D. in New Testament studies at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1998.

Brenda Hostetler Meyer '79, Millersburg, Ind., is a part-time student at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

Richard H. Meyer '79 is a part-time coordinator of the Campaign for Secure Dwellings for Christian Peacemaker Teams. He also farms about 25 acres and does some free-lance auto mechanics.

Jeanette E. Moreau '78, Cambridge, Ontario, recently completed a year at the Waterloo Centre for Applied Linguistics and graduated in May with a TESL, the equivalent to TESOL in the United States. She works full time in Niagara Christian Collegiate's ESL department.

J. Mark Ramseyer '76, Lexington, Mass., taught an intensive summer course in law and economics at Waseda University, Tokoyo. During June he lectured two hours a day, six days a week, in Japanese.

Terry R. Rediger '78 is pastor at Menno Mennonite Church in rural Ritzville, Wash.

Michael L. Schrock '76, Minneapolis, Minn., works for Schrock DeVetter Architects. He was featured in the July issue of *Architecture Minnesota* magazine. He is currently president-elect of the American Institute of Architects, Minneapolis Chapter and a member of the AIA Minnesota board of directors.

Nancy Potteiger Slavin '79, Chula Vista, Calif., works in emergency services at the University of California at San Diego Medical Center.

John G. Tiessen '78, St. Paul, Minn., is chair of Elim Covenant Church.

Ronald G. '75 and **Debora Nofziger Troyer '76**, Waterford, Pa., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary; they were married Sept. 7, 1974.

Donald L. Tyson '79, Richboro, Pa., started as assistant professor of nursing at Eastern Mennonite University in September.

1980-84

Correction

Robert C. Smucker '81, Goshen, is a software designer for ProSys Group Inc. A leader in the use of COOL:Plex for data modeling and rapid systems development, he has written for technical journals and presented annually at user conferences. **Klaudia Brady Smucker '79** is a chaplain at Greencroft HealthCare.

Death

Larry B. Price '82, Goshen, son of Alberta Price, 1909 Tony Lane, Goshen, IN 46526, March 18.

Births

Bruce '81 and **Jill Detweiler Breckbill '88**, Kidron, Ohio, Elizabeth Detweiler, March 8.

Alex and **Lori Amstutz Campbell '81**, Lakewood, Colo., Sarah Alexis, March 1.

Laura Eitzen '82 and John Klotnia, Brooklyn, N.Y., William Andrew, May 8.

Clayton and **Rachel Moyer Harrison '84**, Springs, Pa., David Paul, Feb. 13.

Carl A. '82 and **Stephanie Haines Horner '82**, Wakarusa, Ind., Esther Annrae, April 17.

Rebecca R. Martin '83 and James E. Picht, Cleveland, Ohio, Emma Martin, Jan. 24.

Scott and **Cindy Haffner McAlister '80**, Fort Wayne, Ind., Rebecca Marie, March 20.

J. Kevin '84 and **Lorene Byler Miller '87**, Goshen, Sophie Lorene, May 31.

Tom and **Cynthia Yoder Morahan '80**, Arvada, Colo., Madelyn Rae, Jan. 10.

J. Mark '83 and **Kathleen Blosser Plank '87**, Syracuse, Ind., Joel Mark, Feb. 2.

James and **Debra Engelberth Pressler '80**, Goshen, Alexander, Oct. 27, 1998.

Lyndon F. and Leslie Roberson **Schmidt '84**, Tampa, Fla., Chloe Elizabeth, June 2.

Tracey Werner-Wilson '84 and Ronald Wilson, Ames, Iowa, Frances Marie, Jan. 1.

Ronald L. '84 and **Margaret Ann Troyer Yoder '85**, Richmond, Ky., Linda Margaret, June 9.

Notes

Kent E. Beck '81, Goshen, is the school nurse at Topeka Elementary School.

Brent A. Eash '81, Bristol, Ind., graduated from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in May with a master of divinity degree. He is on the pastoral team at Shore Mennonite Church.

Marlin R. '83 and **Anita Yoder Good '96**, San Pedro Sula, Honduras, recently began an MCC assignment as country representatives in Honduras. Marlin graduated from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary with a master of divinity degree in May.

Betty Lou Clark Green '84, Fogelsville, Pa., spent two weeks in Honduras in February with MCC, cleaning up after Hurricane Mitch.

Michael C. Grieser '81, Goshen, teaches elementary physical education in the Westview School Corporation.

Elisabeth Smucker Grieser '81 teaches sixth grade at Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen.

Ruperto Guedea Jr. '83, Goshen, will be retiring from MBM in January 2000; he has been working in the copy shop for 13 and one-half years.

Alumni Weekend 1999

***Culture for Service* award recipients**
Howard Zehr '66, Adella Brunk Kanagy '44
and Fred Speckeen '53
(See page 29 about *Culture for Service* award nominations.)

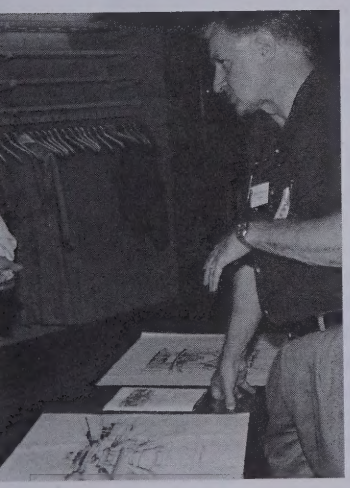
Class of '49

Class of '59

Class of '89

Alumni Banquet

Class of '74



Alumni/Faculty Gathering

Alumni Picnic

2000-2001 educational travel

The college relations department offers the following tours led by faculty:

Photographing Santa Barbara

Feb. 13-18, 2000

Leaders: Henry and Mary Weaver

Santa Barbara, settled between mountains and the Pacific Ocean, is one of the most photogenic locales in the United States. There will be lectures, photographing the city's special sights and image evaluation each day. For beginners to experienced amateurs. Nonparticipating spouses may audit. **Cost:** $495, nonparticipating spouse $320.

Chicago Bus Trip – *Jesus Christ Superstar*

Saturday, March 11, 2000

Andrew Lloyd Weber has reintroduced this 1972 musical with his own production company. The show is coming to Chicago from London and then goes to Broadway. **Cost:** $95 includes bus travel, tickets and lunch.

Central Europe and Passion Play

June 13-27, 2000

Leaders: Hans and Chris Thögersen

Central Europe and the internationally-known Passion Play performed in Oberammergau, Germany, once every 10 years. Includes Berlin, Dresden, Prague, Vienna, Salzburg, Hallstatt, Oberammagau and Rothenburg. We are full at 25, but are trying to get a few more Passion Play tickets, so do not delay in registering. **Cost:** $3,350.

Scandinavia: Sights and Sounds

Approximate dates: June 19-July 4, 2001

Leaders: Doyle and Mary Jo Preheim

A choir and sightseeing tour in Scandinava. Cost and details to be finalized by January. People on the "interested list" will have first chance to deposit, which will make this a full trip. If you want the chance to be included if there is still room, call or e-mail immediately.

Call Janette Yoder at (219) 535-7545 or e-mail janetteky@goshen.edu.

Alaska trip:

July 27-Aug. 10, 1999

(From left): Front row - Elaine Yoder Unzicker '61, E. Joy Yoder Hess '61, Helen Thut Detwiler '54, Jody Smith, Jocele Thut Meyer '50, Lillian Amstutz Fox '56, Nel Kopp.

Second row - Mary Miller Matthews '55, Alice Zehr Newcomer '58, Suzanne Harnish Bishop '43, Naomi Hertzler Bender '53, Mary Lois Detweiler Miller '50, LuEtta Nafziger Neumann '49, Phyllis Yoder '57, Lois Thompson. Third row - Edith Shantz '54, Kathryn Yutzy (retired faculty), C. Franklin Bishop '40, Edith Swartzendruber Nafziger '48, Don Smith. Fourth row - Richard Fox, W. LaMarr Kopp '52, Marvin Newcomer, Owen Hess '62, John Bender '53, Don Miller '50, Roger Neumann '48, Carl Yoder '57, J. Marvin Nafziger '51.

Valerie Schmitt Jones '83, Columbus, Ohio, is an organizational development consultant for the Mount Carmel Health System.

Loretta L. Kreider '83, Las Vegas, Nev., graduated from massage school in Santa Fe, N.M., in March and is now a massage therapist at the Hard Rock Hotel in Las Vegas.

Becky R. McLaughlin '81, Mobile, Ala., is an assistant professor of English at the University of South Alabama.

J. Kevin Miller '84, Goshen, won a sectional championship in his first year as head softball coach at Bethany Christian High School.

Gerardo Mojica '82, East Hazel Crest, Ill., received his M.B.A. degree from Olivet University in May.

Jacqueline Kreider Nelson '81, Ephrata, Pa., has her own cake decorating business, including wedding cakes, 3-D sculptures, retail supplies and teaching decorating classes. She is the state representative for the International Cake Exploration Societé (ICES).

Wayne A. '82 and **Mary Erb Nitzsche '78**, Wooster, Ohio, are Region 2 pastors for the Ohio Conference of the Mennonite Church.

J. Mark Plank '83, Syracuse, Ind., a computer programmer for Group Dekko, Kendallville, teaches computer classes for Davenport College's Goshen extension and officiates high school soccer games. **Kathleen Blosser Plank '87** has a home-based medical transcription business and plays flute with the Maple City Orchestra and Lake Area Community Band.

Jerilee Kinzie Rediger '80, Ritzville, Wash., is employed in a parent cooperative preschool affiliated with an area community college.

Brenda Boehr Srof '82, Goshen, teaches part time in GC's nursing department. She commutes to Chicago during the academic year to continue doctoral studies at Loyola University.

Eric B. Stoltzfus '81, Mount Rainier, Md., works at St. John's College, Annapolis, Md., as music librarian and teaches a sophomore music class.

Janet Price Surrena '82, Missoula, Mont., is self-employed at Janet Surrena Custom Bookkeeping Services.

Stanley J. Zehr '83, Harrisonburg, Va., began teaching English as a Second Language in September at Eastern Mennonite University. He was an ESL instructor with Elkhart (Ind.) Community Schools after teaching English at Hokusei Gakuen University, Sapporo, Japan.

1985-89

Death

George S. Miller '89, New York, N.Y., July 5.

Marriages

Margaret Owen '86 and Mark Gesner, both of Brooklyn, N.Y., May 16.

Timothy R. Jantz '85, Goshen, and **Melissa Shirk '92**, Lancaster, Pa., June 12.

Joseph L. Lehman '88, Montreat, N.C., and Lane Gettys, Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 2, 1997.

Jeanne M. Liechty '89, Goshen, and Michael L. Dickens, South Bend, Ind., Aug. 21.

Michelle L. Freese '88 and Ronald D. Seiler, both of Spencerville, Ind., June 12.

Births

Correction: On p. 17 of the September issue of the *Bulletin*, **Morlin B.** and Juli **Elias' '88** baby's name should be listed as Liam Jacob instead of Amos Jacob.

Jeffrey B. '87 and **Margaret Fisher Aeschliman '87**, Salem, Ore., Stuart Isaac, June 10.

Jonathan U. Baer '88 and **Sheila Yoder-Baer '87**, Villa Ridge, Mo., Katie Stutzman Baer, Aug. 22.

B. Anthony Beiler '89 and Kathleen Rutt, Kennett Square, Pa., Ethan Anthony, April 6.

Elizabeth Bontrager '85 and Philip Waite, Elkhart, Ind., Jonathan Samuel, July 9.

Greg and **Nancy Sauder Bontrager '88**, Wauseon, Ohio, Carly Emma, April 24.

Thomas and **Anne Rochelle Sprunger Cartmel '88**, Goshen, Timothy Paul, April 2.

Robert and **Jennifer Yoder Chilton '87**, Gilbert, Ariz., Caroline Joan, March 23.

Mark and **Laurel Elias Crawford '87**, Avalon Beach, Australia, Lily Elias, Aug. 27, 1998.

Bethany Denlinger '85 and Leonard Moses, Richmond, Va., Eleanor Denlinger, March 19.

Michael L. '85 and **Bonita Kay Miller Gingrich '86**, Bristol, Ind., Lauren Elaine, June 29, 1998.

Myron L. Gingrich '89 and Lonna Stoltzfus, Madison, Wis., Mariah Stoltzfus, May 11.

James and Kimberly **Graves '86**, Goshen, Kirsten Ann, April 9.

Mark and **Anne Moser Gray '87**, Gosport, Ind., Nicholas John, April 1.

Jay K. '87 and **Nicole Clymer Gusler '89**, Sumner, Wash., Sydney Nicole, March 3.

Stephen '85 and **Monica Hostetler Harnish '85**, Bluffton, Ohio, Christopher Andre, April 30.

Christopher J. and Julie Buddenhagen **Hartzler '88**, Ankeny, Iowa, Abigail Ruth, April 24.

Rene D. '89 and **Marlene Harder Horst '91**, Lewiston, Maine, Tali Harder April 23.

Joseph and **Patricia Troyer Keller '87**, Middlebury, Ind., Kristopher Patrick, May 20.

Fredrick E. and Patti **Kem '87**, Rensselaer, Ind., Katherine, Jan. 15.

Philip R. '89 and **Karen Yoder Kym '88**, Grayslake, Ill., Brant Michael, Jan. 30.

Christine L. Landis '88 and Steve Friesen, Mount Rainier, Md., Joshua Landis, March 9.

Twila D. Lebold '88 and Ray Boehm, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, Jonah William, Jan. 8.

Joseph L. and Lane Gettys **Lehman '88**, Montreat, N.C., Abigail Lindell, June 27.

Stuart J. and Barbara Manning **Martin '89**, Downers Grove, Ill., Troy Emery, March 29.

Brigg Lopez and Yannie Serrano **Martinez '86**, Lancaster, Pa., Veronica Marie, May 17.

Thomas '87 and **Crystal Richard Miller '86**, Sunnyvale, Calif., Alyssa Sue, April 13.

Clayton and **Rachel L. Harrison Moyer '84**, Springs, Pa., David Paul, Feb. 13.

Timothy D. and Izaete Araujo **Nafziger '89**, Goshen, Natannael Araujo, Feb. 12.

Gregory L. and Judith **Newswanger '88**, Chicago, Ill., Ursa Lynn, Jan. 29.

Susan Nofziger '86 and Kevin Schill, Boulder, Colo., Liza Kristine, Sept. 25, 1998.

Timothy and **Sue Short O'Riley '85**, Indianapolis, Ind., Ethan John, Feb. 2.

Ivan J. Pankratz '89 and Rhonda Dyck, Winkler, Manitoba, Audi Lea, May 29.

Stanley W. and Shelley Caldwell **Pletcher '86**, Berrien Springs, Mich., Jocelyn Nicole, May 24.

Steven and **Anne Bender Plyler '86**, Mitchellville, Md., Eric Steven, March 4.

William and **Mona Schertz Seaver '86**, Batavia, Ill., Ryan McCord, Aug. 11.

Lowell G. and Deborah Lucas **Stutzman '86**, Auburn, Pa., Cheri Faith, May 27.

Tony L. and **Jacqueline Benitez Vega '89**, Reading, Pa., Vasti Y., Feb. 13.

Matthew S. and Erin Engleman **Wittrig '85**, Indianapolis, Ind., Kaitlin Marie, April 10.

Notes

B. Anthony Beiler '89, Kennett Square, Pa., was named 1999 Realtor of the Year by the Chester County Association of Realtors.

Kevin D. Brunk '89, Mishawaka, Ind., was recently named senior financial marketing analyst for CTS Corporation's corporate office in Elkhart. He has been employed by CTS Corporation for the last nine years, holding various positions in sales, customer service and accounting.

Stella Antonakis Chowdhury '86, Mishawaka, Ind., is a therapist and supervisor of case management with family intervention at Oaklawn Psychiatric Center Inc., Elkhart, where she works with children, adolescents and families. She received a master's degree in clinical psychology from the University of Notre Dame and is a licensed marriage and family therapist and social worker.

Bradley E. Eberly '87, Peoria, Ariz., is associate pastor at Calvary Community Church in Phoenix. **Marian Chmel Eberly '87** is vice president of patient care at Remuda Ranch Center for Anorexia and Bulimia, Wickenburge, Ariz., a Christian treatment center for women.

Miriam Wenger Hill '87, West Lafayette, Ind., is working towards a doctorate in marriage and family therapy at Purdue University.

David E. Jeschke '89, Seattle, Wash., created an entertainment screen-saver program. This fall he was a visiting instructor at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, teaching computer science classes. In December, he will return to Seattle to continue to work on software projects.

Rose M. Kreider '88, Phoenixville, Pa., is a research associate at Matrix Research Institute in Philadelphia, which does research about people with disabilities and employment. She is also working on finishing her doctoral dissertation in sociology at the University of Maryland.

Mark Krisetya '89, Washington, D.C., completed his master's degree in international relations at Syracuse University in May. He is part of a group that leads in global telecommunication flows research.

Joseph L. Lehman '88, Montreat, N.C., is an elementary teacher for the Asheville City Schools.

Jeanne M. Liechty '89, Goshen, joined the GC faculty August 1998 as an assistant professor of social work. She previously worked as a clinical social worker on a teaching hospital's adult inpatient psychiatry unit in Cambridge, Mass.

Scott D. Lightfoot '86, Toledo, Ohio, teaches computing and physical education classes at Rosary Cathedral School. He also worked as a photojournalist for several newspapers and the Associated Press.

David E. '89 and **Colleen Caskey Martin '87**, Charlottesville, Va., spent a week in June with their family in Honduras helping build houses for victims of Hurricane Mitch.

Susan I. Minnich '87, Cape Coral, Fla., has worked for three years at Hughes Supply, a construction supplies warehouse. In 1998 she received the company's employee of the year award.

David P. Moser '87, Belfast, Northern Ireland, is working at Springfield Road Methodist Church and Forthspring Inter-community Centre located on the peace line dividing Belfast. The church and centre are engaged in reconciliation work in the local community.

Susan Nofziger '86, Boulder, Colo., left her social work job at Jefferson Center, Arvada, Colo., after eight years and now facilitates support groups for new mothers.

Doreen K. Stauffer '86, Lancaster, Pa., has spent the last seven years working as a private duty registered nurse for home care agencies. Her clients include children on ventilators or with other special needs.

Verette Sweet-Hofbauer '88, Temperance, Mich., graduated with a master's degree in nursing from Medical College of Ohio. She is an advanced practice nurse in private practice, treating children and adolescents.

Jennifer M. Ulrich '87, Harrisonburg, Va., on sabbatical from Eastern Mennonite University, is at Claremont (Calif.) Graduate University, taking part in an applied women's studies master's program.

Cynthia F. Yoder '89, Mount Vernon, N.Y., graduated in June from Sarah Lawrence College with a master's degree in creative writing. She is working on a novel and helping administer PEN, American Center's Prison Mentoring Program.

Stephen E. Zehr '87, Chicago, Ill., received a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is currently working at Environmental Systems Design Inc.

1990

Marriages

Kimberly Martin and David Main, both of Boulder Creek, Calif., July 17.

Miriam E. Huebert, Galva, Kan., and Christopher D. Stauffer, Union, Mich., Aug. 5, 1995.

Birth

James and **Audra Stuckey Hershberger**, Washington, Iowa, Alyssa Nicole, Sept. 1.

Notes

Lori S. Oswald, Denver, Colo., recently licensed as a clinical social worker, works with a county agency serving abused children and their families.

Bradley K. Yoder, Pittsburgh, Pa., recently completed a live CD, "Talk to Total Strangers."

1991

Births

Phyllis Martin Argueta and Jose Argueta, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, Sofia Ester, June 6.

Rachelle Slagel Crowder and **Richard W. Crowder**, Nappanee, Ind., Kayleigh Lynne, Feb. 22.

Laura J. Devine and **Steven J. Buchtel '92**, Markham, Ill., Violet Jean, May 5.

Craig and **Nina Kaufman Harnish**, Leola, Pa., Mary, Sept. 7.

Paul J. Hershberger and **Leah Mullet Hershberger '93**, Managua, Nicaragua, Sofia Esperanza, May 26.

Trent and **RaCinda Wilfong Hostetler**, Millersburg, Ind., Timothy, April 7.

Brad and **Brenda Wengerd Miller**, Fort Wayne, Ind., Molly Rebekah, Feb. 18.

Jacquelyn Miller Mullet and James L. Mullet, Goshen, Kalie Grace, April 1.

Sonya Hostetler Overman and **Matthew V. Overman '92**, Goshen, Jeremiah Andrew, Feb. 3.

R. Marvin and **Lisa Seiler Ramos**, Santa Fe, N.M., Dante Aurelio, March 16.

Adam and **Rhoda Byler Rees**, Altoona, Wis., Nathaniel Paul, Feb. 6.

Keith and **Shannon L. M. Unzicker**, Eureka, Ill., Clara Lorranine, June 29.

Dennis and **Jennifer Bohn Yoder**, Middlebury, Ind., Emily Sue, March 3.

Notes

Jennifer Bohn Yoder, Middlebury, Ind., teaches first through fifth grade music at York Elementary School. She has been teaching for eight years.

Kevin D. Buerge, Indianapolis, Ind., is an assistant sports information director at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis.

Rhoda Byler Rees, Altoona, Wis., graduated from Minnesota State University in December 1998 with a master of science in nursing.

Ron '93 and **Lois Meyer Chupp**, Goshen, have been houseparents since February 1997 at Hesed House, a home for young, single mothers. Ron works as a counselor at Addictions Recovery Center.

Rachelle Slagel Crowder, Nappanee, Ind., joined PrimeCare Physician Network organization Aug. 1, practicing family medicine, including obstetrics. She completed her residency at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

Laura J. Devine, Markham, Ill., is a claims supervisor at Safeway Insurance Company.

Katherine Zehr Gonsalves, Elkhart, Ind., is director of nursing at Milton Home, South Bend.

Roger E. Lehman, Irving, Texas, is a partner in Mercer Management Consulting's transportation group.

Stephen M. and **Sharon Brugger Norton '92** are doing church planting in Halle, Germany.

R. Marvin and **Lisa Seiler Ramos**, Santa Fe, N.M., own and operate Ramblin Cafe in Santa Fe.

Dawn Renae Burkholder Thomas, Millersburg, Ind., received her master's degree in education from Ball State University in May. She is in her seventh year of teaching at Millersburg Elementary, in the Fairfield Community School Corporation.

Michael W. Wiggs, Sichuan, People's Republic of China, recently finished a year of teaching and will move to Sichuan Agricultural University, Ya'an City, Sichuan Province. He will teach English with China Educational Exchange for two more years.

1992

Marriage

Steven J. Weaver and Riza Belen, both from Chicago, Ill., May 29.

Births

Corwyn and **Roslyn Miller Husband**, South Bend, Ind., Zoe Kathryn, April 5.

Lance S. and Chloe Nelson **Yoder**, Greenwood, Mo., Luella Faith, Feb. 27.

Notes

C. Paul Amstutz, Asunción, Paraguay, has been working as a business chaplain since October 1991. He was ordained as a minister in August 1996. He and his wife, Hildegard Penner Amstutz, are halfway through a three-year master of divinity program at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

Steven J. Buchtel, Markham, Ill., works as communications director at the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation.

Kurt A. Kennel, Rochester, Minn., started an endocrinology fellowship at Mayo Medical Center in June.

Analisa Massanari, Bellingham, Wash., graduated from Western Washington University with a master's degree in school administration and instructional technology in June.

Jon Eric Miller is chief resident in family practice medicine in Roanoke, Va.

Dorie Omondi Aufmann, Morton Grove, Ill., is working for Northwestern University's Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences as a technical support consultant in the dean's office.

Cheryl Beachy Paulovich, Goshen, is prayer ministry coordinator in MBM's mission education department.

Marcel S. Yoder, Springfield, Ill., earned a doctorate in experimental psychology from the University of Louisville (Ky.).

Rick L. Yoder joined the Archbold (Ohio) Medical Group in July as a family practice physician.

1993

Marriage

Rebecca Larrison, Paoli, Ind., and William B. Johnson, Middlebury, Ind., May 1.

Birth

Garett W. and **Kathleen Roberts Yoder '94**, Richmond, Ky., Zachary James and Jesse William, March 5.

Notes

Ingrid E. Friesen, Elkhart, Ind., is a full-time student at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

John Gonsalves, Elkhart, Ind., is controller at Tecstar Inc., Goshen.

Lillian N. Haas recently completed one year of French study in Neuchatel, Switzerland, and is working on a literary project in Burkina Faso, West Africa, with Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission.

Monica J. Hochstedler, Dallas, Texas, is director of the piano preparatory department at Southern Methodist University. She has taught at SMU for two years.

Rebecca Larrison Johnson, Paoli, Ind., received a bachelor of science in nursing degree from Indiana University-Southeast and is working as an obstetrics nurse at Orange County Hospital.

Jodi Burkhalter Miller, Roanoke, Va., is a certified public accountant and specializes in higher education/not-for-profit organizations.

Andrea Unger, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, recently finished her residency program in family medicine at the University of Calgary.

Debora Borntrager Yoder, Springfield, Ill., works in the emergency room at Memorial Medical Center.

1994

Marriages

Michael D. Denlinger and **Laura R. Gerber**, both of Seattle, Wash., July 31.

Gladys Geiser, Goshen, and Lloyd Nissley, Nappanee, Ind., July 3.

Jennifer Helmuth and **Jeffrey A. Shenk '98**, both of Elkhart, Ind., June 26.

Allison A. Keith and Mark Kaelberer, both of Cherry Hills Village, Colo., Sept. 11.

Scott D. Reeser, Madison, Wis., and **Angela D. Wyse '97**, Archbold, Ohio, Aug. 14.

Matthew J. Schloneger, Beatrice, Neb., and Rebbecca Rossman, Sioux City, Iowa, July 10.

Births

William and **Mary Evans Hand**, Charlotte, N.C., Joshua Kellen, June 1.

Jeremy A. '96 and **Christine Smith Kauffman**, Goshen, Madeline Smith, June 9.

Rickardo L. and **Shali Buxton Yoder**, Goshen, Brockton Michael, July 5.

Notes

Brad C. Clinehens started a Peace Corps assignment in Maurtania, West Africa, in September. As a community agriculture extension volunteer, he is an advocate for expelled Mauritanians who were recently living in refugee camps.

Michael D. Denlinger, Seattle, Wash., is pursuing a master's degree at the University of Washington School of Architecture.

Laura R. Gerber, Seattle, Wash., is attending the University of Washington Law School pursuing a doctor of laws/master of public administration degree.

Andrew D. Hill, West Lafayette, Ind., is studying forestry at Purdue University.

Anita S. Nafziger is assistant band director (grades 5-12) with the Archbold (Ohio) Community Schools.

Cordell L. Yoder earned a degree from Indiana University School of Medicine in May. He will complete a four-year residency at William Beaumont Affiliated Hospitals in Royal Oak and Detroit, Mich., in a combination of internal medicine and pediatrics.

1995

Marriages

Neil D. Bucher and **Jennifer Rice '99**, both of Goshen, June 26.

Matthew C. Eberly and **Kathleen J. Nissley '97**, both of Madison, Wis., June 26.

Patricia Yousey, West Chicago, Ill., and Daniel Heath, Erie, Pa., Dec. 28.

Cheryl A. Shreiner and **Wendel S. Landes '96**, both of Washington, D.C., Aug. 21.

Births

David and **Tamara Rink Campbell**, Albion, Ind., William Edison, April 18.

Erwin and **La Vern Friesen Klassen**, Hope, British Columbia, Canada, Nathaniel Peter David, April 13.

Brent and **Mary Sauder Tyler**, West Unity, Ohio, Chase Austen, April 25.

Kenton J. Cross, Goshen, is general manager of Goshen Inn and Conference Center. He served as controller for the 207-bed hotel and conference center complex for the past four years.

Mira L. Grieser, Washington, D.C., returned to the United States after 10 months in Zimbabwe researching people's reproductive decision making and other issues such as HIV/AIDS through Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Baltimore.

Patricia Yousey Heath, West Chicago, Ill., graduated in May from Iowa State University with a master's of science degree in interdisciplinary studies.

Maneesh A. Kessop, Goshen, graduated from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary with a master's degree in theology and ethics in May. He is in the master's of business administration program at Ball State University, Muncie, Ind.

Lisa Graber Klopfenstein, Montgomery, Ind., was featured on the cover of the Indiana Department of Commerce's *Making a Difference 1998 Annual Report.* She works for Grain Processing Corp. in Davies County.

Chad Mullet Bauman, Princeton, N.J., is working towards his doctorate in missions/ecumenics/history of religion at Princeton Theological Seminary. His article, "A Call to Join the Ecumenical Movement," appeared in the June 1 issue of *The Mennonite.*

Al and **Bonnie Kaufman Schultz**, Goshen, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with a trip to California. They were married Aug. 8, 1969.

Aedra D. Wenger, Indianapolis, Ind., is completing her third year of medical school at Indiana University School of Medicine.

Lara S. Ziegler, Spartanburg, S.C., received her doctor of chiropractic degree from Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic on Sept. 25. She plans to start a chiropractic practice in Asheville, N.C.

1996

Marriage

Laura Anne Yoder, Goshen, and **Jason L. Moshier '97**, Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 7.

Births

David L. and Trina Steiner **Miller**, Plain City, Ohio, Garrett Lee, March 6.

Mark A. and **Susan Stanley Schildt**, Philadelphia, Pa., Matthew Kaleb, June 18.

Amie S. Koontz and Sheldon R. Miller, Orrville, Ohio, Anica Dawn, April 2.

Notes

Malinda E. Berry, Elkhart, Ind., is a student at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary and works as associate director of MBM's Mennonite Voluntary Service.

Andrew L. Bruinewoud, Hull, Quebec, Canada, is an editor at Prosebusters Communications, an editorial firm in Ottawa.

Marija R. Dubrick, Tiskilwa, Ill., completed a six-month Mennonite Voluntary Service term in Washington, D.C., in February. She started medical school in August at Indiana University, Indianapolis.

Maria A. Hershberger, Goshen, recently returned to Goshen after nearly two years at the International Guest House in Washington, D.C. She is a receptionist at Maple City Health Care Center.

1997

Marriages

Ronda Hoffman, Elkhart, Ind., and Phillip Weldy, Cannelburg, Ind., July 3.

Dawn Hunsberger and Bart Templeton, both of Bristol, Ind., Sept. 25.

Alyssa Moon, Glendale, Ariz., and Gregory Dyke, Saint John's, Newfoundland, Canada, March 19.

Renee Nofziger and Shane Hernley, both of Goshen, Sept. 11.

Ryan Jay Sauder and Janelle Thomas, both of Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 13.

Birth

Donn C. and Charlene Phillips **Yoder**, Elkhart, Ind., Noah, March 10.

Notes

Alyssa Moon Dyke, Glendale, Ariz., is in her second year teaching English as a second language to fourth grade students at Heatherbrae Elementary in Phoenix. She is also working toward an English as a second language endorsement.

Hilary J. Harder, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., is a marine turtle specialist at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, Boca Raton, Fla.

Kenan J. Sauder finished an MCC assignment in Nicaragua, and is enrolled at Case Western Medical School, Cleveland, Ohio.

Barbara J. Showalter, Fairfax, Va., is free-lancing in the Washington, D.C., area and working in a community music school.

Gregory J. Yoder, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, teaches Spanish in Benton Community Schools and coaches volleyball and baseball.

1998

Marriages

Chad R. Kauffman, Athens, Ohio, and **Kristi Short '99**, Erie, Pa., July 24.

Nicholas L. King and **Ann E. Byler '99**, both of Goshen, June 26.

Cherie Telsworth, Edwardsburg, Mich., and Marcus W. Lynch, Battle Creek, Mich., June 5.

Notes

Jeffrey R. Bontrager, Lakewood, Colo., is a research associate at the University of Colorado Center for Health Policy Research.

Wroksie T. Jackson, Conakry Guinea, West Africa, is in her second year as a community development volunteer with the Peace Corp.

Chad R. Kauffman, Athens, Ohio, is in medical school at Ohio University's College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Jesse A. Kropf, Harleysville, Pa., worked as a whitewater river guide in summer; he is in Colorado during the winter.

Dennis and **Harriet Schrock Martin**, Goshen, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a weekend retreat and family dinner. They were married June 15, 1974.

Dustin T. Miller, Mishawaka, Ind., is enrolled in a master's program in musicology at the University of Notre Dame.

Adam M.Y. Nafziger, Lakewood, Colo., is working as a candy maker for a small candy company in Denver that makes old-fashioned, high-end, handmade hard candy sold nationwide.

Jeffrey A. Shenk, Elkhart, Ind., teaches at Concord Ox Bow Elementary School, Elkhart, Ind.

Jennifer L. Smith is an instructor with Ashokan Field Campus, Olivebridge, N.Y.

Ross L. Springer, Philadelphia, Pa., is a first-year student at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.

1999

Marriages

Jesselle Camacho, Goshen, and **Steffen D. Schrock '01**, Middlebury, Ind., June 19.

Jonathan Denlinger and **Rebecca A. Sieber**, both of Lawrence, Kan., Aug. 14.

Lisa Diller, Goshen, and **Patrick R. Jaberg**, Norton, Ohio, Dec. 19, 1998.

Shawn M. Gerber, Goshen, and **Rachel S. Springer '00**, Carlisle, Pa., Aug. 7.

Jennifer Neer and Linn Kropf, both of Boise, Idaho, June 12.

Nathaniel J. Trueblood, West Lafayette, Ind., and **Jamie S. Miller**, Kalona, Iowa, Aug. 7.

Notes

Patricia L. Borntrager, Kibou Haitsu, Japan, is teaching English to high schoolers in Hiroshima, Japan.

Amy Marie Buckmaster, Goshen, is working in the Circle of Caring Birthplace at Goshen General Hospital.

Carol Ann Colagrossi Collins, South Bend, Ind., is working towards a master's degree in social work at Western Michigan University.

Rachel M. Dick is working in critical care at Elkhart (Ind.) General Hospital.

Julie Delucenay Fergison, Middlebury, Ind., works at Goshen General Hospital in the medical/surgical department.

Marlene Gerber, Nuglar, Switzerland, works at a university library in Basel.

Shawn M. Gerber, Goshen, is the resident director of GC's Yoder residence hall and co-director of small group housing.

Laura Gilbert Moon, Washington, D.C., is attending graduate school at Georgetown University in the nurse-midwifery master's program.

Sonia A. Gingerich, Goshen, works in critical care at Elkhart General Hospital.

Keith D. Herris is living in Norman, Okla., and attending graduate school.

Klaus B. Huebert, Evanston, Ill., is a research technician at Northwestern University Medical School.

Rachel L. Kauffman, Goshen, left in September for a 10-month MBM assignment in Benin, West Africa.

Jeanine Cender Kaufman, Goshen, is working at Goshen General Hospital in the progressive care unit.

Lisa K. Koop, Harlingen, Texas, began a one-year MBM term in September. She is a paralegal working with immigrants detained by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Derek M. Moon, Peoria, Ariz., is working for The Vanguard Group in the investment information department.

Katrina L. Nussbaum, Chicago, Ill., began a one-year Mennonite Voluntary Service assignment in September, working with the after-school program at Gad's Hill Community Center.

Samuel C. Reschly, Wakarusa, Ind., began a one-year term with the Intermenno program in Bad Oldesloe, Germany; he is a nurse's aide at the *Mennoheim am Konigsteich* retirement center.

Jesselle Camacho Schrock, Goshen, teaches second grade at Chandler Elementary School.

Jonathan D. Schrock, South Bend, Ind., attends Indiana University Medical School at Notre Dame.

Pamela Anulies Schulte, Union, Mich., works at Elkhart General Hospital in surgical services.

Bradley T. Siemens, Lancaster, Pa., began a one-year MCC assignment in Thailand as a training program assistant. He participated in MCC Salt orientation Sept 17.

Nathaniel J. Trueblood, Topeka, Kan., is working at Nationwide Papers as a customer sales representative. **Jamie Miller Trueblood** is a student at Washburn University School of Law.

Jodi D. Weaver, Goshen, works in critical care at Elkhart General Hospital.

Kate Willems, Indianapolis, attends Indiana University School of Medicine.

Amanda A. Yoder, South Bend, Ind., attends Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

Jewel Lehman Yoder, Goshen, works at Goshen General Hospital in the Circle of Caring Birthplace.

2000

Birth

Eric and **Jo Bellis Hurtt**, South Bend, Ind., Stella, Feb. 17.

Enrollment up 4.3 percent

An increase in new students and strong retention among continuing students combined to give Goshen College its third straight year of enrollment increases.

Total full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment is up 4.3 percent, to 1018.6 from 976.9. FTE uses the total number of credit hours for which students are enrolled and is the primary number used for budgeting and planning.

The total number of students enrolled either full or part time is up 4.2 percent this fall, at 1,089 compared to 1,045 last year. First-time frosh totaled 220, compared to last year's 226.

The number of students enrolled full time is 987, an increase of 4.8 percent from last year's 942. Included in that group are 92 students in GC's Adult Programs (see page 24), compared to 75 last year. Part-time numbers went from last year's 103 to 102.

Vice President for Enrollment Richard Gerig noted that the number of returning students is comparable to last year, significant in light of a large number of seniors who graduated in May. The number of students transferring to GC from other schools also increased, particularly the number who graduated from Hesston (Kan.) College.

The college reached the 220 mark in freshmen in three consecutive years for the first time since falls 1980-82.

Gerig commended the entire campus for its efforts, noting particularly the work of admissions and student financial aid offices. The admissions office is responsible for the overall recruitment effort, while the student financial aid office services the approximately 90 percent of students receiving financial aid.

Several factors contributed to the enrollment success, said Gerig. Funding from several Lilly Endowment Inc. grants has helped fuel an increase in the number of students from Indiana; research conducted among prospective student markets and improved communication of the college's strengths have also helped attract students.

President Shirley H. Showalter praised students' decisions to choose GC. "We are off to a wonderful start this year. Every new student who joins us for the right reasons – academic, spiritual and social development – makes us stronger."

In addition, the college has made conscious efforts to providing outstanding value for qualified students, said Showalter. The college's academic and other programs have earned national recognition from independent sources such as *U.S. News & World Report*, Yahoo! and others, while the school's "sticker price" has remained considerably lower than the average school in every comparison group of similar colleges. Thanks in part to a sizable endowment, the average financial assistance package at GC is also larger than in the comparison groups, resulting in an average net cost that is typically lower at GC than at comparable schools.

"Removing financial barriers to a college education has long been a priority at GC," said Showalter. "That practice will continue. We remain committed to providing affordable academic excellence to qualified students who believe in our mission."

— Lyle Miller

Kennel explores Russian Mennonite ancestry in Mennonite Heritage Cruise

When Timothy Kennel's (Sr., Harrisonburg, Va.) *opa*, or grandfather, was a young man, he spent two years doing hard labor in a program for conscientious objectors, then served a year in prison after being accused of treason for refusing to be a Soviet spy. All told, Peter Reimer's belief in nonresistance would lead to 17 years of exile.

His story is one chapter in the history of Russian Mennonites – one that would ultimately result in the relocation of Kennel's maternal grandparents to North America.

More than 50 years later, Kennel visited sites in the Ukraine important to his ancestors, traveling with Mennonite Heritage Tours through a scholarship program administered by tour historian Paul Toews of Fresno Pacific University.

Kennel is the first GC student to win the scholarship.

Rachel Waltner Goossen, former GC associate professor of history, encouraged Kennel to apply. "Tim is focused on Mennonite studies and finds much delight in studying Mennonite-Anabaptist history, as well as interpreting it in fresh, creative ways," she said, pointing to the "Mennonite Trickster Tales," skits Kennel authored for a program about Menno Simons at GC. Kennel also co-wrote a play on the Russian Mennonite experience and the birth of Mennonite Central Committee. Presented at GC, "As Lifting Chaff" blends Russian Mennonite hymns, video footage, historical accuracy and dramatic integrity to create an insightful presentation.

— Rachel Lapp

Tim Kennel dips his hands in the Dneiper River.

New faculty join GC

In addition to those listed in previous issues of the *Bulletin*, GC welcomed the following faculty:

Part of the Goshen community since 1996, **Lee and Susan Dengler** will increase their involvement in GC's music program this year as voice instructors. Ministers of music and art at College Mennonite Church, the Denglers are both conductors and singers who received training at West Chester University.

David Gross, a pianist who made his debut with the Berlin Symphony Orchestra, is a visiting associate professor of music. He is a recorded soloist who has won international piano competitions. With degrees from Yale University and conservatories in Germany, he has nearly completed a doctorate at the University of Illinois. He is resident artist at Western Michigan University.

Christy Risser '90 is the new Umble Center technical director and house manager. She has worked as a stage manager/technical director and earned a master of divinity at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in 1998; she also served with Mennonite Board of Missions.

As Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center's K-12 Education Coordinator, **Paul Steury '88** will supervise K-12 education staff, program delivery and curriculum development. He earned a master of science degree in outdoor resources management at Indiana University in 1997 and served as the school program director at the Great Smoky Mountains Institute, Tremont, Tenn.

As Merry Lea's new K-12 education assistant, **John Zimmermann** will be responsible for design and delivery of programs for K-12 students. Zimmermann received a bachelor's degree in elementary education (concentration in science) from the University of Wyoming in 1987; he is pursuing a master's degree in education from Indiana University-Purdue University. He taught science to middle school students at Holy Cross Lutheran School, Fort Wayne.

— Rachel Lapp

New labyrinth cultivates spiritual reflection

Continuing to nurture spiritual growth in a community-oriented environment, Campus Ministries introduced a spiritual labyrinth this fall.

Campus Minister Sylvia Shirk Charles, describing the project created in an open field, said, "A labyrinth serves as a spiritual tool with a journey theme; it is a place to walk while praying." The circular design is 85 feet in diameter with 10 feet of open space in its circular center. Different from mazes, labyrinths have one path leading to the center. Shirk Charles said the purpose of walking a labyrinth is to quiet the mind while moving toward the center, a process serving as a metaphor for a spiritual journey. Labyrinths first appeared in the Middle Ages at the time of the Crusades, when many medieval Christians were unable to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem; church leaders created inlaid labyrinth patterns on cathedral floors to symbolize the journey to the Holy Land.

— Anne Berry

Maple Leaf Briefs

GC, GHS German teachers arrange college-level class for high schoolers

In a collaborative effort, GC Associate Professor of German Alexandra Sterling-Hellenbrand and Jim Graves '86, Goshen High School (GHS) German teacher, developed a course to help high school students *"beim Deutsch lernen"* or who are learning German, to pursue college-level language study. GHS students who complete the German IV course will earn three hours of intermediate, transferable credit – credit that will also exempt students from foreign language placement tests at any college or university they attend.

This is the first GC-GHS collaboration in the area of foreign language. Nine students are enrolled in the German IV class.

Said Graves, "I firmly believe such programs are the 'wave of the future' – a future in which the boundaries of educational levels are broken down in order to better facilitate students' learning and development."

— Anne Berry

Smucker receives top score on Educational Testing Service exam

Becca Smucker '99 recently found out she earned a perfect score on the Educational Testing Service's (ETS) Major Field Test: Literature in English (MFT), taken April 13.

She said she "never expected to get every question right."

The comprehensive standardized test, which measures knowledge of American and English literature, is used by nearly 175 colleges and universities in the United States.

With only 24 others, Smucker scored higher than 99 percent of all students who took the Literature in English MFT exam. The average score of English majors in GC's class of 1999 placed in the 97th percentile nationwide. All graduating English students take the test at the end of Senior Seminar.

— Anne Berry

'Education that works for working adults' gets a new name: GCAP

GC's Degree Completion Program – education that works for working adults – has changed its name to GC Adult Programs. GCAP will continue to offer three bachelor's degrees and two certificate programs.

"We have outgrown 'Degree Completion' since we meet different needs for different students, not just those completing their undergraduate education," said GCAP Director Toni Steffensen Pauls.

This focus on serving the unique needs of motivated working adults starts well before the first class; GCAP's staff gives devoted personal attention to students and offers "one-stop shopping."

"When we say that GCAP is 'education that works for working adults,' we mean that we understand the challenges they face in balancing careers and the demands of their personal lives, so we place an emphasis on service to our students," said Pauls.

GCAP students include those with some college credit and those who have earned associate's degrees or bachelor's degrees and want to work toward a bachelor of science degree in organizational management, management information systems or nursing.

The name change is particularly meaningful for nursing students and others who have associate's degrees. "GC respects the education and experience they already have, an education they wish to enhance through our programs," said Pauls.

The new name also encompasses certificate programs in the areas of business management and management information systems, said Pauls. These programs are recommended to those with significant management or supervisory experience who seek additional skills or preparation in order to meet on-the-job challenges.

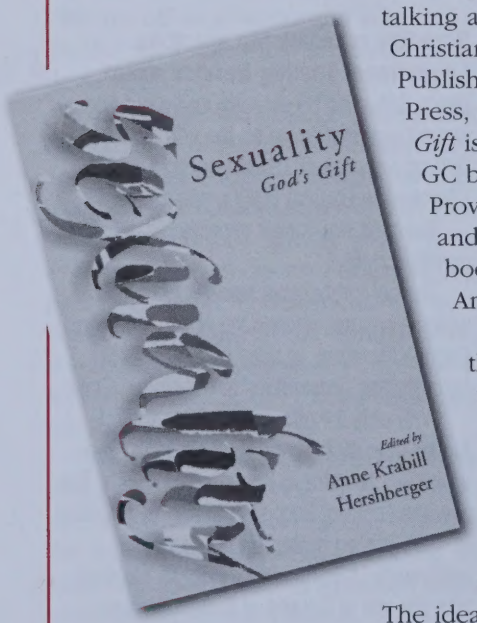
"Our graduates – more than 300 of them since 1993 – express their satisfaction with our degree programs for adults," said Pauls.

Graduates of this special GC program can be found working all across the Michiana area as company presidents, information specialists, human resource managers, directors of nursing, professors and at many other interesting careers.

— Rachel Lapp

'Sexuality: God's Gift' edited by Hershberger

A new book edited by GC Associate Professor of Nursing Anne Krabill Hershberger, called "much needed" by early reviewers, offers individuals, schools and congregations a tool for talking about sexuality in a Christian context.



Published by Herald Press, *Sexuality: God's Gift* is available at the GC bookstore, Provident Bookstore and on-line from booksellers like Amazon.com.

Hershberger said the book will be useful for individuals and for discussion in congregational and high school, college and seminary settings.

The idea for the book came about more than 10 years ago from colleagues in the field of teaching human sexuality. Delores Histand Friesen '62, associate professor of pastoral counseling and Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary (Fresno, Calif.), approached Willard Krabill, then GC campus physician, about developing a resource written from a Christian perspective for sexuality classes they were then teaching. Hershberger was able to complete the project as part of her recent sabbatical work.

Contributors include Krabill (the primary author); Hershberger; Histand Friesen; Lauren Friesen, lecturer in theater history and director of playwriting at the University of Michigan-Flint who served for 15 years as professor of drama and director of the theater program at GC; Keith Graber Miller, associate professor of Bible, religion and philosophy who teaches human sexuality at GC; and Michael A. Carrera, director of the Children's Aid Society's National Adolescent Sexuality and Pregnancy Prevention Training Center and author of several books.

J. Lawrence Burkholder, GC president emeritus, wrote the foreword.

— Rachel Lapp

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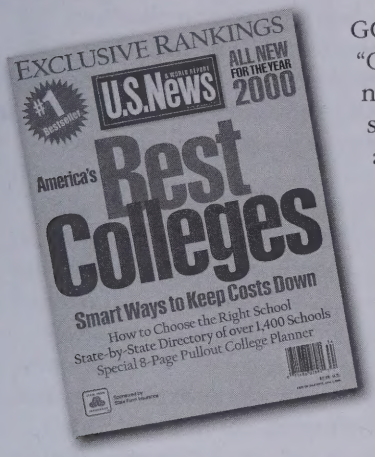
U.S. News again lists GC as one of "America's Best"

When *U.S. News & World Report's* popular guide to America's Best Colleges hit the newsstands in September, GC was again among 159 liberal arts colleges considered "national" in scope.



President Shirley H. Showalter noted that GC's ranking is consistent with other years. "Our goal is to continue improving as a national liberal arts college while also strengthening ties to our sponsoring church and to our local community. While the rankings continue to show our excellence as a college, they do not measure some of the things we value most, so we take them with a grain of salt."

According to the magazine's Web site, "national" liberal arts colleges "emphasize undergraduate education. ... These schools tend to require higher college entrance test scores than those in the regional liberal arts category." Considered the most competitive category for liberal arts colleges, 159 national colleges are chosen from a total pool of 585 liberal arts colleges. GC was ranked in the fourth "tier" of national colleges and was one of just six colleges from Indiana and the only member of the Council of Mennonite Colleges in the group.

In the rankings, GC scored particularly well in measures of student quality and alumni satisfaction. Among the 37 schools in its tier, the SAT or ACT scores of GC students ranks seventh. Mathematically that number is particularly significant, Showalter said, given that GC's accepts a higher percentage of applicants than nearly all schools in the category.

"The combination of strong test scores and a high acceptance rate demonstrates that it is possible to be academically rigorous while maintaining a commitment to serving a varied student population," said Showalter.

That these students feel good about their GC experience upon departure is demonstrated in their commitment to the college after graduation, said Showalter. Among the 37 schools in its tier, GC is second in the percentage of graduates who contribute to the college.

In the national group, Swarthmore, Amherst and Williams topped the magazine's ranking, which also includes schools such as Wellesley, Franklin and Marshall, Oberlin, Haverford, Washington & Lee, Grinnell and others.

"While this company is excellent," said Showalter, "It would be meaningless without the kind of work the faculty, staff and students will be doing this year in defining our identity. *U.S. News* cannot and should not do that work for us. Every individual college should describe and measure its own mission and goals according to its highest values and priorities. This is what we are doing."

— Lyle Miller

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Alumnus, father of GC student jailed for article on Malaysian legal system

After more than two years of struggling with the Malaysian judicial system, Murray Hiebert '70, the father of a first-year student, served a four-week jail sentence for charges related to a magazine article calling into question the legal system in that country.

The January 1997 article, titled "See You in Court," appeared in the *Far Eastern Economic Review*. Hiebert reported on the increase in Malaysian litigants seeking "substantial damage awards."

One of the persons involved in a case Hiebert cited accused him of "contempt of the court" in a sworn affidavit. Later that year, Hiebert was sentenced to three months in prison by Judge Low Hop Bing. Malaysia, a former British colony and, like Hiebert's native Canada, a member of the British Commonwealth, retains certain laws that allow judges to jail their own critics.

For GC first-year student Ann Hiebert, who lived for more than four years in Malaysia with her brother and parents, it was a difficult way to start college; however, she said, "I had all of my freshman friends on the floor support me. They had a prayer for me."

Though he wasn't allowed to reply, Ann sent e-mail to her father daily. "I also sent him a pair of flip-flops because they don't have his size in the country," Ann said of her father's size 12-13 feet.

Hiebert's sentence was reduced for good behavior.

GC student Alex Tio (Sr., Malaysia) said he wasn't surprised by the incident. "They can arrest you whenever they want. It's politics. But Heibert shouldn't have been in jail."

Such repression of dissenting viewpoints has been common in Malaysia, but according to the *Review*, this is the first case of a journalist being jailed since Malaysian independence in 1957.

Ann was reunited with her father in Goshen at the end of October.

— Tim Godshall, for the Goshen College Record

GC community raises $24,000 for Turkey

Christy Risser, Ryan Stiffney and Shirley Hershberger don their lanyards.

For Ryan Stiffney (So., Goshen), it was the challenge of getting involved in something outside college academics and athletics. For Christy Risser, it was grief for friends lost and hope for the living. Shirley Hershberger tapped into the campus spirit, wanting to represent staff personnel on campus during a fundraising auction where GC lanyards were on the block.

All three bid on lanyards during an auction that was part of the first convocation of the year. The lanyards – a key clip attached to a purple shoelace with "GOSHEN COLLEGE" printed in white letters on it – symbolized a pledge to help victims of an Aug. 17 earthquake that devastated parts of Turkey.

So, too, did GC respond: by praying and raising money. Launched with first-day-of-school enthusiasm, fundraising efforts quickly focused on finding ways to bring the GC community together for the cause.

In just over a month, fundraising efforts netted $24,227.89, a quilt, a comforter and a heightened sense of unity and purpose across campus.

"I have been overjoyed by the creative efforts of students, current and retired faculty and staff and local citizens," said President Shirley H. Showalter, who called on the campus to be "uncommon" in how they thought about "what it means to be a neighbor." Continued the president, "They have come together out of compassion, responding to the courage the students showed in the original leap of faith at the auction."

Unannounced beforehand, freewill offerings at faculty-staff retreat and in the first convocation of the year netted more than $1,800 alone.

Stiffney and other students organized numerous campus events to secure the pledge. Gate reciepts from soccer games, a barbecue and a fundraising concert by the campus band Lotus all contributed. The music department coordinated the knotting of a comforter, which was sent to Mennonite Central Committee, specifically for a Turkish recipient.

Participants in an "Uncommon-a-thon" solicited pledges from friends, families and community members to engage in "uncommon" activities for five hours on Sept. 18. That event raised around $3,000. Students played board and video games; a quilt was also completed.

The final event was a potluck – with student-supplied dishes and frozen pizza supplemented by food from community members – on the lawn in front of Coffman residence hall. Generous donors contributed nearly $3,300.

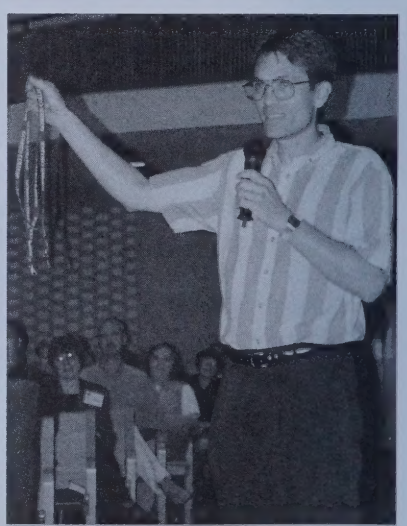
Said Stiffney, "It was a good experience, but I didn't do it all by myself. People like Tim Godshall (Sr., Mount Joy, Pa.) and Janna Bowman (Sr., Bally, Pa.) planned the Uncommon-a-thon and Sunday potluck," he said. "It feels good to have the community as well as the students respond as they did."

The GC accounting office totaled the offerings: faculty, $5,731; staff, $712.44; offerings, $1,739.44; and students, $16,045.01. A chapel service Oct. 4 focused on prayer for Turkey, and other nations recently experiencing natural disasters and political crisis. Slide photos Risser took while in Turkey with Mennonite Board of Missions were projected during a meditation – another reminder of the human beings that the fundraising "cause" represented.

Said Risser, "Our students set for us a standard of excellence. This giving was service – the only form of service allowed us by the situation in Turkey."

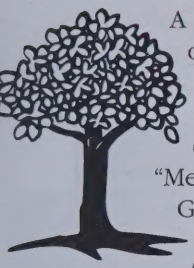
A check has been issued to MCC for the amount raised; MCC and Rosedale Mennonite Missions (RMM), which joined to send an assessment team to Turkey in September, have pledged to relief efforts there. Merle '79 and Mary Hochstedler '79, who serve as RMM associates in Istanbul will coordinate the joint earthquake response.

— Rachel Lapp



Convo auctioneer Don Yost '72

'Mennonites and the Family' conference: 'Family' suggests multiple meanings, multiple challenges



A broad conversation on issues surrounding the family was the focus of a conference at Goshen College Oct. 14-16 that drew around 225 people; of those, 15 states were represented and nearly a dozen participants from Canada. One presenter, Sylvia Klauser, came from Scotland.

"Mennonites and the Family: Vision and Reality" was sponsored by Goshen College, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary and the Mennonite Historical Society. The Anabaptist Sociologists and Anthropologists Association held their annual conference alongside the gathering.

John D. Roth, chair of the conference planning committee, said the purpose of the gathering was to present "a rich variety of insights and perspectives on the many themes that intersect in the institution of the family."

Roth, who delivered one of four conference keynote speeches, offered his perspective on the many ways in which issues surrounding multiple notions of "family" intersect in the Anabaptist-Mennonite tradition.

Other keynote speakers included Jean Bethke Elshtain, The University of Chicago Divinity School professor of social and political ethics; John M. Drescher, Mennonite church leader and author of 37 books, of which more than a dozen are related to family relationships; and Lisa Sowle Cahill, a professor at Boston College who is working on a book, *Family: A Christian Perspective.*

Douglas Everingham of Wichita, Kan., whose daughter Kristina is a sophomore at GC, said he is a "non-ethnic Mennonite" who became acquainted with and joined the church during the Vietnam War because of its pacifism. "My foremost question," he said, "is, 'How do we currently identify ourselves as Mennonites?' As a school social worker, I also want insights on how the professional [Mennonite] community sees the future of the family."

He attended a conference session titled "Family and Mennonite Identity: Maintenance and Dissolution," which featured presentations by Mark Metzler Sawin '92 of Austin, Texas, and former GC history department faculty member Rachel Waltner Goossen of Topeka, Kan.

Mennonites struggle to maintain identity while practicing inclusiveness, Metzler Sawin said: "Mennonites are struggling to reconcile where they come from and where they are now."

Waltner Goossen said Mennonite families span the continuum of church-relatedness. "I'd like to think that our traditions are flexible enough," she said, to "accommodate those in our family for whom Mennonite identity is essential" as well as "to embrace and be embraced by those in our family for whom it is not."

More than 40 presenters and workshop leaders covered topics ranging from "encouraging religious memories" to "the systemic marginalization of Mennonite singles" to "families in the congregational setting" to "discipleship and marriage." Presentations and workshops included not only an overview or study of a variety of topics, but offered time for discussion and questions as well as specific suggestions or approaches for possible action.

Roth, for example, offered challenges toward "inviting individuals to a deeper and more mature Christian faith; to nurturing stronger Christian marriages and fostering healthier congregations." He also issued a challenge to "actively nurture in families and in our congregations a deeper understanding of Christian compassion."

The conference was funded in part by a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.

— Rachel Lapp, with Anne Berry

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Campus guests and speakers

- Dorothy Word, GC Alumni Scholar
- Ken Hiebert, graphic design artist, Eric Yake Kenagy Visiting Artist series
- Jim Wallis, *Sojourners* editor-in-chief
- Johnnetta B. Cole, Spelman College president emerita and Emory University Presidential Distinguished Professor
- Lisa Coffman, poet
- Steve Kreider Yoder '81, San Francisco bureau chief of *The Wall Street Journal*
- Cheryl Kirk-Duggan, theologian, musician
- Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College professor, theological consultant to U.S. bishops
- Jean Bethke Elshtain, University of Chicago Divinity School professor, author
- John M. Drescher, former moderator of Mennonite Church in North America, author of 37 books
- Patty Larkin, singer/songwriter
- John McCutcheon and Tom Chapin, folk "supergroup"
- Anonymous 4, Early Music performers
- Ted Springer '93 and Tim Dyck '93, artists
- Marcus Harris, pastor
- Shenandoah Shakespeare Express
- Renee Miller '97, guest director for fall mainstage play *The Prophets*
- Bishnu Rai, director of the Lalitpur Nursing School, Kathmandu, Nepal
- Hans de Boer, German World War II peace activist
- Medea Benjamin, anti-sweatshop activist
- Samina Ahmed, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard
- Amy Gopp, Mennonite Central Committee (Yugoslavia)
- Lauren Friesen, director of playwriting, University of Michigan-Flint
- Rebecca Slough '78, assistant professor of church music, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary
- Juanita Kauffman '86, fabric artist
- Mark and Mary Thiessen-Nation, Mennonite Board of Missions, London Mennonite Centre

GC hosts student-planned Intercollegiate Women's Conference; Kirk-Duggan addresses GC as Staley Lecturer, conference speaker

Students gather to stitch a quilt as part of the weekend activities. The quilt will be sent to Bluffton (Ohio) College where it will be on display for next year's conference.

Dr. Cheryl Kirk-Duggan sang to the audience at the opening of her Staley Lecture Series presentation at Goshen College Oct. 21. Her address was also part of the second annual Intercollegiate Women's Conference at GC Oct. 22-23.

The student-organized Intercollegiate Women's Conference continued the tradition of an event "birthed at Eastern Mennonite University two years ago," according to Laura Schildt (Sr., Marietta, Pa.), a member of this year's conference planning committee.

"The subject of women's issues is a specific aspect of peace studies often found at the root of many peace and justice concerns. Without centering on women specifically, however, these issues can get overlooked," Schildt said. "A group of students discussed this at the Intercollegiate Peace Conference and decided to pursue the idea of giving Mennonite colleges the opportunity to share in hosting a women's conference, similar to the peace conference."

Seminar topics this year included women in violence prevention and intervention, women and depression and men in feminism.

As the conference's keynote speaker, Kirk-Duggan lectured on the topic of domestic violence and on nurtuting emotional and physical health.

Goshen College seniors Gina Holsopple, center, (Topeka, Kan.) and Griffen Bishop (Englewood, Colo.) present Kirk-Duggan, left, with a framed quilt piece during the Intercollegiate Women's Conference.

According to Schildt, 140 people – 125 women and 15 men – registered for the conference. Although the majority of these were students, faculty and members of the Goshen community also attended the weekend events. Participants came from EMU, Manchester (Ind.) College, Bluffton (Ohio) College, Bethel College (Newton, Kan.) and the Elkhart County area.

A quilt set up for conference attendees to work on throughout the weekend became "a big hit," said Schildt. The quilt will be sent to Bluffton College for display at the next annual meeting.

A conference web site will be available soon. Contact Lauraas@goshen.edu for more information.

— Anne Berry

GC's Inaugural Service-Learning Day

Demonstrating the spirit in which the GC community embraces its motto, *Culture for Service*, 500 GC students, faculty and staff spent a full workday doing voluntary service projects in the community during Service-Learning Day Sept. 22.

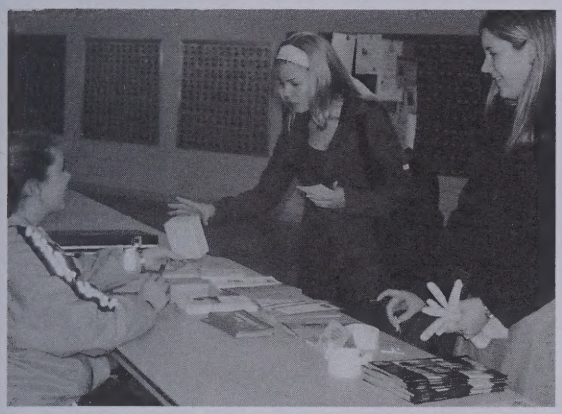
The day's events began with a special convocation and pep rally and featured community activist and pastor Marcus E. Harris.

Service-Learning Day participants worked at sites on campus and at Witmer Woods and off-campus at sites including LaCasa, Mennonite Central Committee Resource Center, The Window, Boys & Girls Club, ADEC and Goshen High School (GHS), where GC students threw a party for students in the GHS 21st Century Scholars program. Groups also traveled to Camp Friedenswald, Amigo Centre, the Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen and Chicago Mennonite Learning Center.

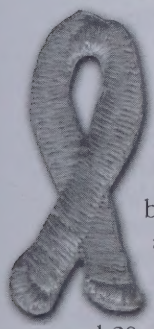
Right, Erin Stoy (Sr., Green Lane, Pa.) and Griffen Bishop (Sr., Englewood, Colo.) paint a hopscotch at the Goshen Boys and Girls Club.

Nursing students focus on campus, community health

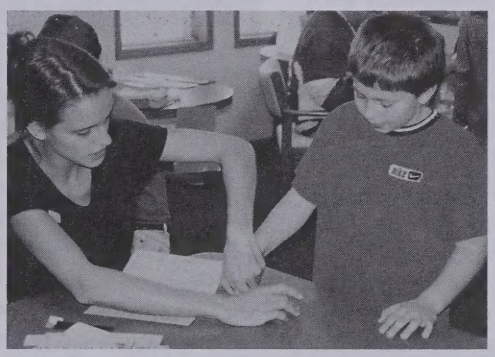
GC nursing students aren't sitting on their hands while they earn their degrees – they are sharing what they're learning with the campus and community. During the last weeks of October, the GC Nursing Student Association spent several days in the Union to promote Breast Cancer Awareness month. Student volunteers took turns staffing a booth supplied with pamphlets, shower cards and pink ribbons – information and symbols to remind both women and men of the importance of regular self-examinations and scheduled mammograms. Vicky Kirkton, interim director of the nursing program, said she was pleased by GCNSA students who took time out of schedules packed with clinical experiences and courses to tend the booth. "They understand the importance of health education among many populations. For them, this is part of the 'service' component of their education, embodying servant-leadership and 'Culture for Service.'" The booth served several hundred students, faculty and staff, as well as community members who came through the Union.



GC nursing major Natalie Schmucker (Jr., New Haven, Ind.) provides fellow students Carrie Figueroa Vargas (Fr., Aibonito, Puerto Rico) and Amy Matwichuk (Fr., Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada) with promotional information during Breast Cancer Awareness month.



Then on Oct. 27, Becca Toppin (Sr., Berlin, N.J.) and Brooke Martin (Sr., Goshen), who are both doing community health practicums, arranged for a health fair with the Elkhart County Health Department at Brookside Manor, a housing development on Goshen's west side. Nine stations – including the fire department's "Survive Alive" house, breast cancer awareness and a bicycle safety demonstration – were visited by 85 children and 20 adults. Thirty GC nursing students were on hand throughout the fair, including several bilingual students who talked with Spanish-speaking residents of the housing development; a number of the students had been to Spanish-speaking countries on SST. Said Kirkton, "GC nursing students really understand the importance of health education – they have a wider view that seeks to include diverse groups, especially cultural groups within the community."



Nursing major Becca Toppin (Sr., Berlin, N.J.) helps with finger-printing during the Brookside Manor health fair.

The nursing department learned in October that the annual pass rate on Indiana State Board of Nursing exams for GC nursing students from April 1, 1998 to March 31, 1999 was 90.9 percent – the national passing percentage rate was 84.27 percent. This is the second year that GC has met criteria and has been above the national pass rate.

— Rachel Lapp

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Clymer named 1999-2000 Horswell Fellow

Erin Clymer (Sr., Elkhart, Ind.) is the English department's 1999-2000 Horswell Fellow. The scholarship honors Dr. Richard and Mary Horswell of Elkhart and Bristol, Ind.

Clymer will serve as executive secretary of the editorial boards of Broadside – a yearly series of published poems, songs and short fiction – and Pinchpenny Press, which publishes short books by students or faculty members. She will oversee publication and distribution of the Broadside series and work with student authors and editors.

Said Clymer, "Not only do Broadside and Pinchpenny Press provide wonderful opportunities for students to be published and receive campus-wide recognition, they also afford Horswell fellows the experience of delving into areas within the English department that exceeds traditional classroom learning."

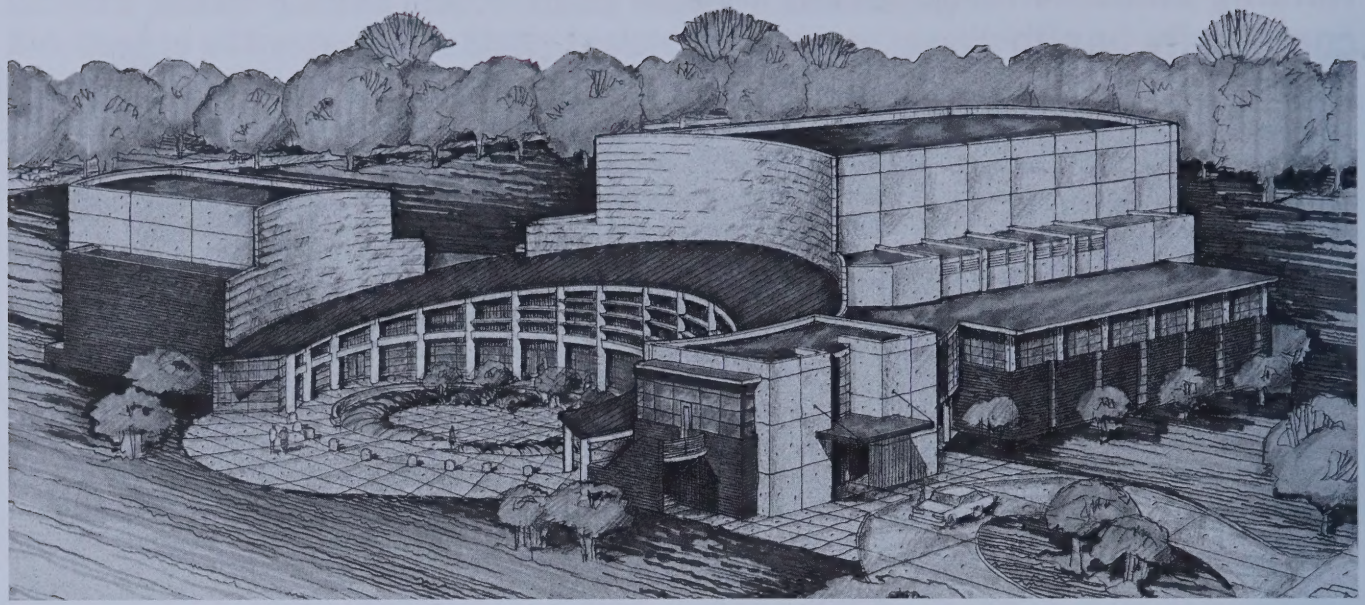
— Anne Berry

Nominees solicited for 'Culture for Service' awards

You are invited to nominate fellow alumni for the 2000 Culture for Service Awards. Nominees should:

- be an alumna/us (one who has received at least 24 credit hours from GC);
- exemplify the motto *Culture for Service* through a life that is consistent with GC's mission statement and "desired outcomes" for current students; and
- have a distinguished record of service and/or achievement in home, church, college, community or world.

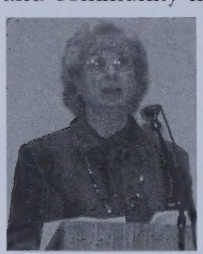
Send the nominee's name, along with a description of why he or she should be nominated, as well as your own name and address to the GC alumni office so you can be contacted for further information about the nominee. Please send information to Susan Edwards, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, Goshen College, Goshen, IN 46526 or e-mail susanle@goshen.edu by Feb. 1, 2000.



'Goshen College, ever singing' celebrates announcement of $5.7 million fundraising campaign

Living out the refrain of its school hymn, "Goshen College, ever singing" is ushering in the year 2000 with plans for a new music facility that will enhance opportunities for the campus and surrounding community.

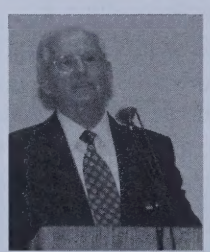
A $5.7 million campaign to complete fundraising for a new music building was launched Oct. 2, during a music program involving more than 150 GC students, faculty and alumni in "Introduction and Allegro: Celebration of Music at Goshen College." A bonus concert in the 1999-2000 GC Performing Arts Series lineup, the concert drew a full-house audience of more than 1,200 GC students, faculty, alumni and community members.



Carolyn Sauder

Maynard and Carolyn Sauder of Archbold, Ohio, who chair the music building planning and campaign steering committee, described the new facility and announced the campaign.

The total cost of the project – including construction, equipment, architects and acoustician fees, site costs, contingency funds and endowment – is $22 million. At the time of the announcement, more than $16.33 million – or around 75 percent of the project's total cost – was already raised, said Mr. Sauder, so "if this campaign is a symphony, we are approaching the final movement, and often that is the most exciting and dramatic."



Maynard Sauder

President Shirley H. Showalter said a new music building will finally "provide a match between the quality of GC students and faculty and the physical environment in which they learn, work, practice and perform."

Better music facilities will make it possible for the music department to offer more private instruction to both GC students and community youth and children and to offer concerts and festivals, she continued.

If everything goes as planned, groundbreaking could take place by the thaw of spring.

Music Department Chair Doyle Preheim, who conducted GC choirs at the program, said, "The prospect of a wonderful music building, in which the teaching of musical skills and the performance of great musical literature will take place – this prospect is a long held dream finally coming true."

The building, to be located on the northeast side of campus near College Avenue and 12th Street, will feature a 1,000-seat concert hall and a smaller recital hall featuring an organ; a large lobby, highlighted by an adjacent art gallery, will connect the two venues.

Part of the building will be dedicated to the community music school, the college's preparatory program. Other areas include large rehearsal halls for choral and instrumental groups, 26 small practice rooms, 12 faculty teaching studios, four music classrooms, piano studios, computer lab and a music library.

A campus building committee worked with the architectural firms of Schmidt and Mathes and The Talaske Group, an acoustics consulting firm, to visualize a facility that will encompass these programs and enhance the campus.

— Rachel Lapp

Rieth provides gift to Goshen community

Martha Rieth doesn't consider herself a musician, but a recent gift commitment she's made will help make beautiful music in the Goshen community. The gift will take shape in the form of the Rieth Recital Hall, part of a music center at GC. The recital hall will house a new pipe organ and will be used for many types of recitals, both vocal and instrumental.

Neither Martha Rieth, her late husband, Blair, or their two children attended GC. Blair grew up in Goshen and attended Goshen High School before graduating from Purdue University. The couple met after Martha, a Terre Haute, Ind., native, graduated from Indiana State University and began teaching in Elkhart. Before Blair's passing in 1982, the couple lived in Goshen and were always active in community endeavors.

Thus, the gift makes sense, said Mrs. Rieth. "This will be able to enrich the community. We have great parks and there are many cultural things, but this is a facet we don't have. A music center adds another dimension to the rich cultural environment we enjoy here.

"You connect music with Goshen College," she continued. "I enjoy the opportunity to hear good music at the college, and we're fortunate to have it."

GC President Shirley H. Showalter praised Mrs. Rieth's gift to the community. "Mrs. Rieth has demonstrated what it means to be part of a larger whole," said President Showalter. "A commitment to the greater good is part of our mission at GC, and Mrs. Rieth's gift is in perfect harmony with that goal."

President Showalter and Martha Rieth of Goshen.

Mrs. Rieth is also glad that art will be present in the building. "The music center is going to be aesthetically beautiful," she said. "And there will be an area for an art gallery. I envision this as a place that the community will know and use."

— Lyle Miller

GC's financial strength continues to grow

For the 60th consecutive year, current revenues have met or exceeded expenses at Goshen College, President Shirley H. Showalter announced to the school's Board of Overseers in its recent meetings on the GC campus.

Final audited financial reports indicate GC ended the 1998-99 fiscal year in the best financial strength in the school's history. The college finished the year with a 20.7 percent increase in net assets, growing to $123.8 million from $102.5 million a year ago. James L. Histand, GC's vice president for finance, reported that the market value of endowment funds increased 10.4 percent, from $76.1 million to $84.0 million.

During the 1998-99 fiscal year, the college received $22.4 million in unrestricted revenues against $19.7 million in expenses. In addition, restricted revenues were $18.6 million, much of which came in the form of contributions for a music center.

The college's endowment provided nearly $3.1 million in spendable revenues for the general operating fund. This income was instrumental in providing direct financial assistance to students and in keeping the college's tuition charges well below the average of institutions of comparable type and quality, said Histand.

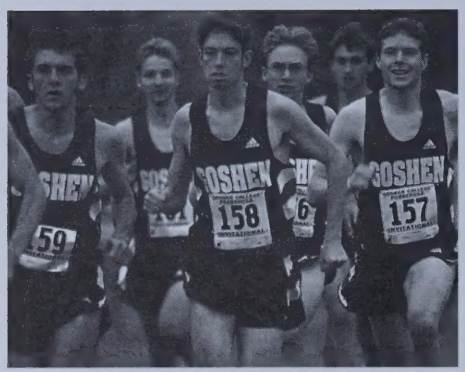
Histand cited emphasis on daily fiscal responsibility and strong contributions from alumni, friends and others totaling $13 million as a factor for the growth in net assets.

"These reports indicate that we are not only meeting current obligations, but we are also growing to strengthen our future," said GC President Shirley H. Showalter. "This outstanding financial strength has contributed to our enrollment growth. We will continue to be good stewards of the resources, using these means to fulfill our goal of providing the greatest possible educational and spiritual value for our students."

In the Board's regular meeting, the group also reviewed enrollment data from the year, the final numbers of which showed an increase of more than 4 percent in full-time and total enrollment. The academic profile of new students was also strong, with an average SAT score over 1135 for the second consecutive year. The national average for college-bound students is just over 1000. The retention rate for continuing students was again strong, with nearly 85 percent of those students eligible to return doing so.

Using final enrollment numbers, the Board acted to approve a final budget for the 1999-2000 fiscal year which includes $21.6 million in revenues and expenses.

— Lyle Miller



Men's cross country

The Maple Leafs completed the 1999 season with an eighth place finish at the Mid-Central College Conference (MCC) championship meet Nov. 6.

Marten Beels (So., Grand Rapids, Mich.) led GC with a season-best time of 28:30 and a 42nd place finish, while Merlin Miller (Fr., Shipshewana, Ind.) finished 45th with a time of 28:41.

Women's cross country

Nancy Boston (Sr., Rochester, Ind.) and Tricia Kurtz (Fr., Cumberland, Ind.) paced GC in its final meet of the season, also at the MCC Championship. The team placed seventh in the meet. Boston placed 34th with a time of 20:40, while Kurtz was 38th with a time of 20:45.

Men's soccer

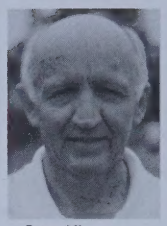
The men's soccer team had an up-and-down season, finishing fourth in the MCC and logging a 10-11 overall record for the season. Despite enduring its first losing season since 1996, the Leafs advanced to a semi-final round of the post-season tourney for the third straight year.

Sam Richardson (Jr., Goshen) led GC with 16 goals on the season and was named to the first-team all-MCC for the second straight season. Richardson is currently ranked sixth in career goals at GC with a total of 49. Nate Pletcher (Sr., Middlebury, Ind.) was also named to the all-MCC squad, while Chaim McCain (Jr., Tacariqua, Trinidad) was a second-team selection.

Women's soccer

Despite finishing with a 5-14-2 record, the injury-riddled women's soccer team opened the first round of the MCC tourney with perhaps the biggest upset-win in school history on Oct. 30. GC knocked off the 25th-NAIA ranked St. Francis Cougars, 1-0, advancing to the conference semi-finals for the first time in school history.

Mandi Hutchison (So., Middlebury, Ind.) led the Leafs in goals scored with 10, despite only playing in 10 games before suffering a season-ending knee injury. Sheila Myers (So., Akron, Pa.) was named first-team all-MCC after leading GC with 10 assists.



Stan King

Men's tennis

Under the director of first-year coach Stan King, the men's tennis team posted a 7-5 record and finished fifth in the MCC.

Amadeo Marino (Jr., Buenos Aires, Argentina) and Matt Mullet (Fr., Millersburg, Ohio) led the Maple Leafs with 9-3 singles records. Marino competed at the No. 1 and No. 2 positions, while Mullet played at No. 3 and No. 4.

"I was pleased with the effort and spirited play of our relatively young team this season," said coach King. "We have a lot to be excited about in the future."

Women's tennis

The 1999 season proved to be another successful campaign for the women's tennis squad as it posted an 8-3 record, the third straight winning season for the Maple Leafs.

Laura Litwiller

Griffen Bishop (Sr., Englewood, Colo.) posted a perfect 10-0 record at the No. 3 singles position and earned her third straight all-conference selection. Laura Litwiller (Jr., Goshen) was 10-1 at the No. 4 singles position. In only her third season of competition, Litwiller is sixth on the GC career wins list with 59 victories.

Tonya Swartzendruber

Jennifer Springer (Fr., Middlebury, Ind.) and Tonya Swartzendruber (So., Goshen) joined Bishop with all-MCC honors. Springer went 7-4 at No. 1 singles, while Swartzendruber posted a 9-2 record at No. 2 singles, earning her second straight all-conference award.

Volleyball

The Maple Leafs closed out the regular season with wins over Purdue Calumet and Robert Morris (Ill.) on Nov. 6, carrying a 10-22 record in the MCC post-season tourney.

Heidi Foss (So., Tiskilwa, Ill.) led GC in kills and blocks in nearly every match, with highs of 20 kills and nine blocks during the regular season.

GC received its third straight nomination for the AVCA Team Academic award. Juniors Sarah Bock (Jr., Lone Tree, Iowa) and Sara Rhodes (So., Riverside, Iowa) were also nominated for 1999 NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete awards.

— Chris Chamberlin

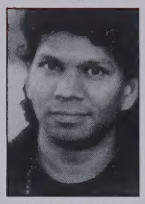
1999-2000 winter campus events

Rhythm and Brass

Thula Sizwa

Lisa G. Robeson

South Bend Symphony


David Dabydeem

Fiddler on the Roof

December

Dec. 5-15 **Art exhibit: "Senior Exhibitions."** Reception Dec. 5, 2-4 p.m., Art Gallery.

Dec. 7 **Afternoon Sabbatical: "Music of the Season,"** GC music department, 1 p.m., Umble Center.

Dec. 11-12 **Christmas celebration: "O Wondrous Mystery,"** 7:30 p.m., Church-Chapel.

January

Jan. 9-Feb. 9 **Art exhibit: "Jake Webster: Sculpture & Drawings."** Reception Jan. 9, 2-4 p.m., Art Gallery.

Jan. 13-14 **Campus Open House** visitation weekend, including music scholarship audition day Jan. 14.

Jan. 14-15 **Concert, Performing Arts Series: Rhythm and Brass,** 7:30 p.m., Umble Center. $16, $10.

Jan. 28 **Concert, Phil Keaggy,** 7:30 p.m., Umble Center. $15 at the door; $13 general admission advance sales; $12 student advance sales.

February

Feb. 8 **Afternoon Sabbatical: "Ordinary Mysteries: A Conversation in Poetry,"** Associate Professor of English Todd Davis and Assistant Professor of English Ann Hostetler, 1 p.m., Umble Center.

Feb. 8 **C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical student speech contest**, 7 p.m., Umble Center.

Feb. 12 **Concert, Performing Arts Series: Thula Sizwa**, 7 & 9 p.m., Umble Center. $13, $8.

Feb. 13-March 29 **Art exhibit: "Gina Alicea: Journey Toward Enlightenment."** Reception Feb. 13, 2-4 p.m., Art Gallery.

Feb. 16 **C. Henry Smith Lecture: "Selling 'Michievous War' at the Price of Peace: Lessons in the Rhetoric of War and Peace from King Arthur's Knights," Dr. Lisa G. Robeson**, associate professor of English and Honors Program director at Bluffton College, 7:30 p.m., Newcomer Center 43.

March

March 2-3 **Campus Open House** visitation weekend.

March 4 **Concert, Performing Arts Series: South Bend Symphony and GC Choirs,** 7:30 p.m., Union. $12, $8.

March 14 **Afternoon Sabbatical: "Goals Reached, Dreams Fulfilled: Adults Returning to College," Toni Steffensen Pauls,** director of GC Adult Programs and program graduates, 1 p.m., Church-Chapel Fellowship Hall.

March 17 **S. A. Yoder Lecture: "A Harlot's Progress," Novelist and poet David Dabydeem,** 10 a.m., Church-Chapel.

March 22-26 **Musical, Performing Arts Series: *Fiddler on the Roof*,** 7:30 p.m. (3 p.m. Sunday), Umble Center. $12, $6.

All events are free unless indicated by the adult and student prices listed. Call (219) 535-7566 or (800) 348-7422 for more information or to order tickets.

April 29, 2000 **Ethnic Fair**

College & Community Ethnic Fair

Make plans now to attend GC's annual Ethnic Fair April 29. Join 5,000 other campus guests in sampling the food, games and entertainment of more than 50 cultures. This year's theme is "An International Safari – Animals in Art and Culture."

The human comedy

By President Shirley H. Showalter

Contrary to popular belief, academics love a good joke. Professor Martin Marty of the University of Chicago told the one that follows several years ago. Since then I've heard at least three other speakers tell it:

The new president was talking with the outgoing president: "I have here three envelopes," said the old president. "Put them in your desk drawer and pull them out in the order indicated if you ever get into trouble." The new president thanked the old and tucked the envelopes in the drawer.

The first six months were wonderful. The new president thought he had found a place where leading would be easy; people treated him with respect and the institution purred along smoothly. But then a crisis erupted; the new president was taken by surprise. After a sleepless night, he opened his desk and saw the envelopes; he eagerly opened the first one. "Blame it on me," he read. He immediately wrote a speech to faculty and students. "This problem originated years ago, and my fine predecessor was unable to solve it. I will need some time to research it." The speech did the job – calm returned.

Six months later, another crisis came. This time the president remembered the envelopes right away and read the advice in the second one: "Form a committee." He announced a blue ribbon committee to study the issue; people mumbled a little, but once again peace returned to the college.

Six months, later, however, there was a big crisis. Out came envelope number three.

It said: "Prepare three envelopes."

Why is it that presidents and deans are the ones who laugh loudest and longest at this joke? Why is it that, when the new presidents who go to Harvard for intensive seminars each summer and are asked to do skits, they laugh until they drop about getting fired? Clearly some of the laughter masks fear. The average tenure of a college president in America's research universities is five years; small colleges do better: six years. Those who aspire to lead in turbulent times cannot expect job security.

I am grateful for this reality. It allows me to laugh every day. The job of being a leader – one who receives pressure to change and pressure to hold firm from many competing "stakeholders" – is made possible for me because, taken literally, it is impossible – and I know it. By having a job bigger than I am, I am freed to place my trust in God and to view myself and others as the creatures that we are. We are amusing, amazing beings involved in a huge drama. Some think the drama is a tragedy. However, I have staked my life on the Christian resurrection message of comedy – a transcendent perspective that takes the sting out of our greatest fear: death.

Early 19th-century French novelist Honoré de Balzac gave a name to his literary works which fits life at the very end of the 20th century: "the human comedy." To live inside a comedy is to live with joy, even in the midst of despair; to live with peace, even in the midst of conflict; and to live with love in the midst of hate. Comedy involves multiple perspectives – from "low" punning to "high" *jouissance* and *frisson*. Comedy comes in the form of e-mail jokes from colleagues and friends. Comedy comes from the little narratives we tell about daily foibles. Comedy comes from a tradition of pranks, jokes and outrageous behavior that pushes at the boundaries and sometimes pushes past them. Comedy even comes in faculty meetings.

Plato observed in *The Symposium* that a tragic poet, a thoroughly tragic poet, is a comic poet also. The highest form of human enlightenment recognizes that at some times and under some circumstances we are all fools, and all our insights are blind. Ironically, when we accept this reality, we feel energy, not loss. According to philosopher Suzanne Langer, humor at this enlightened level is not only tolerant and contemplative, but it is also personified *élan vital*. Therefore, the comedic tradition of Goshen College is one of our most precious resources – a visible sign of an invisible grace.

I think I'll put these words in an envelope. I may need to read them tomorrow. ☺

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